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IT HAS been another action packed week for the MATCH WEEKLY staff, as we bring you all that's great about Football.

We have been combing the country for the men you want to read about and we have come up with another bumper bundle of news, action, facts and controversy to keep you fascinated.

You can't beat MATCH for colour and we've done it again for you inside with the second of the MATCH WEEKLY collector series - the Super Strikers - featuring eight great goalscorers and their scoring records.

As well, Kevin Beattie of Ipswich has been telling us how he plans to win his England place back and Steve Daley speaks about the burden of a £1.5 million price tag.

We sent our photographer down to Wembley, too, to capture all the thrilling action of the Daily Express five-a-sides. If you missed it on telly - don't worry, all you need is on page 12, following a two page FA Cup second round preview.

All your favourites are here as usual, Keegan, Coppell, Ardiles, Clough and Jimmy Hill - and we haven't forgotten the lower division either with Millwall, Portsmouth and Newport all prominent.

There's something for everyone in MATCH, and look out next week for a special colour feature on Tony Woodcock's debut for Cologne... you can't afford to miss it.

COVER PICTURE: Watford's super striker Luther Blissett takes a breather as he spearheads the chase for honours.
Inset: Manchester City golden boy Steve Daley.

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THURSDAY IS 'MATCH' DAY

'Clive's not as good as Dad'

DAVID Stringer, Cambridge United's 35-year-old defender came off the field following his side's 2-1 victory over League leaders Q.P.R. to sing the praises of Rangers' teenage scoring star Clive Allen.

"He's not bad, but he has still a lot to learn before he is as good as his dad," said the Cambridge veteran who clocked up 417 Football League appearances with Norwich City and has now completed 138 outings with Cambridge.

And David Stringer should know. Because he played against Clive's father, Les Allen, for Norwich City against Tottenham Hotspur. "Clive will have to show more consistency in a match than he did today if he is really going to reach the top," concluded Stringer.

Fulham road to fortune

SEAN O'Driscoll has gone to London to seek his fame and fortunes. The 22-year-old Wolverhampton player has been transferred from Southern League Alvechurch to Fulham for £12,500.

Strange as it may seem, O'Driscoll made his first-ever visit to London only two days before he signed for Fulham. Commenting upon his trip, O'Driscoll said: "The city scared me to death."

He added: "At the age of 22 I am delighted to have been given this wonderful opportunity with a Football League club. I think I've joined the right type of club where I will be given every opportunity to progress."

Time heals Roeder rift



WHAT A difference a year makes? Just over a year ago, Glenn Roeder was so unhappy with his lot at Queen's Park Rangers he put in for a transfer.

And that request came less than three months after Rangers had paid out £250,000 to Orient for him.

Yes, his days certainly looked numbered at Shepherd's Bush. But now here he is freely scoring the goals which can put promotion-chasing Rangers back into the First Division next season.

Roeder, who is now playing in midfield but is generally regarded as a defender, had over four years as a professional at Orient and won England 'B' honours before Rangers stepped in for him.



Dungworth's debt to Shots

JOHN Dungworth will always be indebted to Aldershot for giving him his chance to prove himself in the Football League.

The new Shrewsbury Town striker relates: "I was given a free transfer by Huddersfield Town and after two years with Oldham, during which time I only played in four first team games I had the same kind of treatment."

"I felt really low when Oldham gave me a free transfer but then Aldershot stepped in and I realised that this was going to be my last chance to make the grade."

"Happily everything worked out well for me and in two seasons I scored about 60 goals which resulted in Shrewsbury coming after me."

The recent game at Oldham gave him a great deal of satisfaction as the Shropshire club won 2-0 to record their first away win of the season.

Goal shortage: Lee won't spend

MISSING goalscoring chances is a problem that has bugged Everton all season... and one that has left them at the wrong end of Division One.

But Blues' boss Gordon Lee has no intention of reaching for his cheque book again.

"In Brian Kidd and Bob Latchford I've got two proven goalscorers who, all things being equal, should do better than most."

"If you look at their recent records they have probably done better than most goalscorers. Latchford's scored nearly one goal for every two games of his career and Kidd's not far off that."

"But taking chances has been a problem this season - we have thrown away some golden opportunities."

"We have been unfortunate in not being able to field a settled side and strike up an understanding."

"For instance John Gidman could not play in the League Cup and Garry Stanley and Asa Hartford in the UEFA Cup."

PROGRAMME collectors would be well advised to attend the annual Giant New Year Programme Fair at the Ivanhoe Hotel, Bloomsbury Street, London, WC1, on January 6. The fair, which includes an exhibition of football relics, is on from 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and admission is by programme - adults 40p, children 30p.

Worth the wait



A dressing room line-up before Gareth Davis' testimonial match. From left former Wrexham striker Billy Ashcroft (now Middlesbrough), Bobby Shinton (now Manchester City), Gareth Davis, George Best and Micky Thomas (now Manchester United).

GARETH Davis, Wrexham's skipper, had his testimonial match two seasons late - but it was certainly well worth waiting for. Not only did more than 10,000 fans turn up to cheer this loyal clubman on a wet and windy night, but international star George Best played in his side.

But it was a night of nostalgia when it finally came. Former Wrexham striker, Billy Ashcroft, now a defender with Middlesbrough, scored two goals, and Manchester United's Micky Thomas, another ex-Wrexham favourite, got the other in the 3-2 win over Wolves. Another former Wrexham player, Bobby Shinton, now with Manchester City, also played.

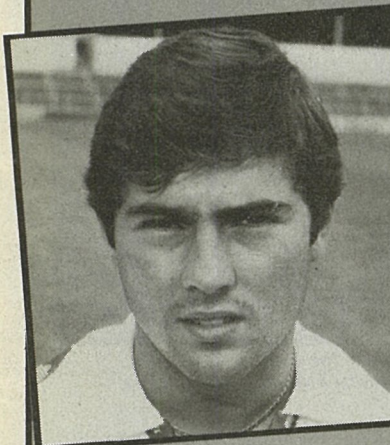
SATURDAY SNIPPETS

THE GARTH Crooks hat-trick for Stoke on Saturday against West Bromwich Albion was the first on record by any coloured player in a First Division match.

SWINDON's 8-0 against Bury was the biggest Football League win since Spurs battered Bristol Rovers by 9-1 on October 22, 1977. It equalled Swindon's biggest ever Football League win (made in 1920) and equalled Bury's biggest ever Football League defeat (set up in 1896).

ONE POINT from their last five matches adds up to Nottingham Forest's worst run since Brian Clough became their manager on January 6, 1975.

THE 44 Third Division goals were the most in any division on one day since 47 were scored in Division Four last April 16.



Paul Miller . . . first goal

DAVID O'Leary (Arsenal), Paul Miller (Tottenham), Mick Mills (Ipswich), Ian Callaghan (Swansea) and Bob Booker (Brentford) all scored their first league goals of the season on Saturday.

ARSENAL, Derby, Wolves, Fulham, Leicester, Swansea, West Ham and Northampton all drew their smallest gates of the season on Saturday.

NEWPORT County and Portsmouth both figured in a 0-0 draw for the first time this season and now only 12 of the 92 clubs still have to play their first no-score match.

HAT-tricks by Garth Crooks (Stoke) and Eric Gates (Ipswich) mean there have now been eight such feats in the First Division this season as against only six each in the Second and Fourth Divisions and a mere four in the Third.

THE 57,478 gate against Leeds, the biggest Football League crowd since 57,904 saw Ipswich Town at Old Trafford on August 27, 1977 left Manchester United with an average for this season's ten home league games of 52,156 — an increase of 1,514 on their first ten last year.

Liverpool answer Bond back

"**JOHN Bond**, John Bond, shut your mouth" taunted the Liverpool fans as their superlative team ran riot in last week's League Cup quarter-final at Norwich.

It was a reference to Bond's criticism in the past of the Red Machine's tactics at away grounds — although to be fair to the Norwich boss he has publicly declared his admiration for them many times since.

Last week he couldn't do anything else but speak in glowing terms.

"What can you say, Liverpool are in a different world to us. It's a different game that they play to the one we play," he said.

Looking back to the uncanny amount of chances Norwich had to improve the 1-3 scoreline Bond said: "They are vulnerable if you have enough to go at them — obviously we didn't have enough. But I don't want to be too hard on our lads because they're not in the same league. But I didn't like the way we went under."

"If people are ridiculing you out on the pitch you should pull all your resources together to beat them."

"The worrying thing is we still have to play them again here in the league!"

Tommy's task

TOMMY Smith, the hard man of Liverpool has returned to Anfield. A knee injury curtailed Smith's playing career at Swansea and he has accepted a job as Liverpool Youth Coach.

Roker's new star

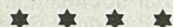
A SIX-FOOT superstar has reversed soccer logic by coming out of the heat and into the cold — but that's how he likes it.

Argentina's Claudio Marangoni, ex-skipper of the Buenos Aires club San Lorenzo, says: "The cold will suit my game better than playing in the 80 degrees heat at home."

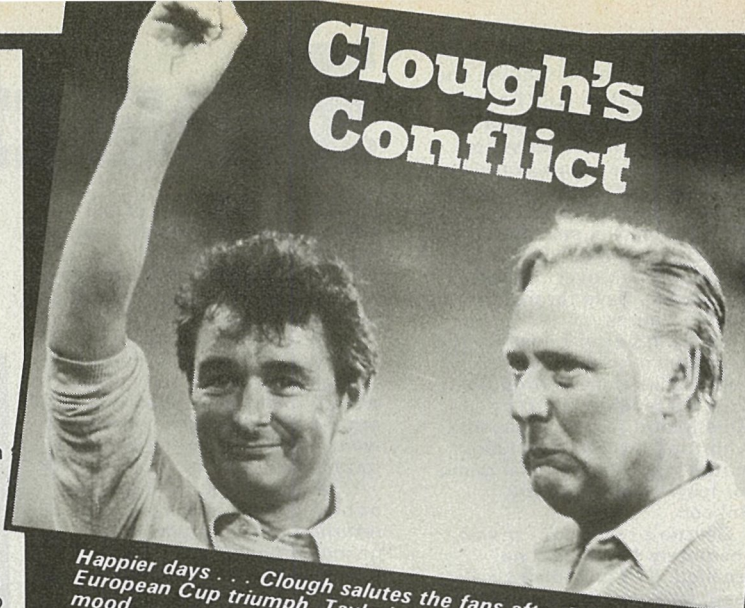
The 25-year-old schemer is now proud to be wearing a Sunderland shirt, having joined the North-East club for £320,000. He made his debut in the 2-1 defeat of Cardiff on Saturday, and had a goal disallowed, when the referee stopped play to remove a photographer's bag which had encroached onto the pitch.

It was Spurs star and **MATCH** columnist Osvaldo Ardiles who convinced Claudio he wouldn't regret his move into English football.

Said Claudio: "He told me the game in England is very fast and exciting to watch. I am very excited about playing here and only hope I can be as successful as Ardiles, Villa and Sabella."



Clough's Conflict



Happier days . . . Clough salutes the fans after Forest's European Cup triumph, Taylor's caught in less flamboyant mood.

THE LACK of harmony at Nottingham Forest was firmly underlined at Crystal Palace on Saturday when basic errors and an absence of understanding contributed to their 1-0 downfall.

It was also brought out into the open after the game with an unprecedented conflict of views between the Forest management team.

Brian Clough said: "We are short of nothing at the moment apart from a little bit of effort on behalf of the management. I think we should get down to our jobs a little bit more than we have done in the last few weeks."

Clough's partner Peter Taylor was quick to counter: "When Brian starts talking about workrate in terms of management at Nottingham Forest he must only speak for himself — not me. I think he

wants to exclude me when he starts talking about management's contribution at Forest."

"It's a very dodgy question. I know he's been quoted as saying that but I can assure you that Brian must only speak for himself on that issue."

"I'm certainly not worried about my contribution and what I've done and what I shall continue to do in terms of workrate and players I've brought here. I shan't lose my head and I shan't start blaming people. I shall continue to do this until we are out of this situation which we will be shortly and I am looking very intently at the people around me, the people who lose their head."

Carter's day

LAST SATURDAY was quite a day for 19-year-old striker Mike Carter. He made his league debut for Bolton against a Wolves side which included one of Mike's home-town heroes — John Richards, the 28-year-old England forward. They were both born at Warrington.

Bolton went down 3-1, but Mike still impressed manager Ian Greaves. "I thought the lad did well. He is extremely promising, has good control and is strong on the ball."

"If he has a fault it is that he doesn't always shoot when the opportunity presents itself. He had two chances against Wolves, but he likes to try something else."

Carter, who turned professional at Burnden Park in July 1977, very nearly became a Mansfield player late last season. He made a number of appearances for them and scored four goals.

Billy Bingham, who was then Mansfield manager, liked the look of him and got his loan period extended from a month.

But now Mike can hold out hopes of making it big with Bolton.



Wolves lose their way!

PART of the reason why Wolves haven't been turning it on at home has been put down to the state of the pitch.

Assistant manager Richie Barker claims that since the pitch was moved during close season the players have lost their bearings and are unable to measure their passes with certain landmarks.

Leach post

FORMER QPR and Cambridge United player Mick Leach has been appointed youth coach at Chelsea after quitting the game through injury.

He'll certainly have his hands full at Stamford Bridge where the youth scheme has produced 20 of the current Chelsea professionals.

IF PROOF was needed that Kevin Beattie was alive and kicking who better to provide it than England supremo Ron Greenwood.

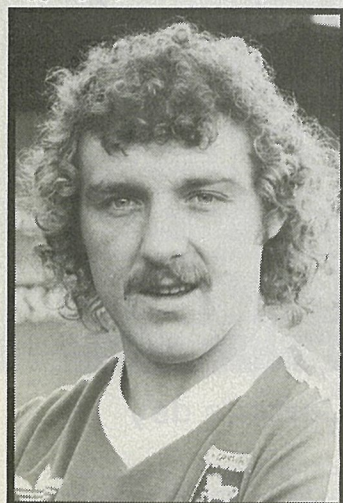
A plague of injuries tarnished his career just at the moment when it seemed to be taking off. For Beattie, successive games in the blue shirt of Ipswich Town over the last three years have rarely reached double figures.

So what better boost for the man who's made more comebacks than George Best, than his recent call-up by Greenwood for the England XI who took on Beattie's team-mates in the testimonial game for Ipswich boss Bobby Robson.

Beattie's reaction? "It was absolutely fantastic," he recalled. "To only play six first-team games this season and then get called up by Ron Greenwood was unbelievable."

Unbelievable is a term that can be applied to Beattie's years at Portman Road.

A phenomenal start soon established him as a natural for the England team. But always around to cast a shadow over his development was a series of niggling injuries. A 'dicky' back



Beattie's back in style

forced him to pull out of the odd game and the doubts about his fitness mounted.

"Three years ago my cartilage went in the right knee," Beattie told *MATCH WEEKLY*.

"In five weeks I made a comeback but a lot of people thought it was too early. They were proved right when the other cartilage in the same knee went. I think I tried to protect it too much."

It set him back another eight or nine weeks. When he returned the knee was still giving trouble and he was forced to miss more games.

A specialist diagnosed a locked capsule behind the knee, another operation and so the staircase of frustration for Messrs. Beattie and Robson continued to spiral.

It was enough to make some players think seriously about giving the game up. But never at any time did the thought enter Beattie's head. Neither did any trace of bitterness.

"I just accepted the situation and concentrated on getting back into the game. Touch wood at the moment the knee feels OK but it still flares up from time to time."

"I was getting a nice run under my belt recently when I went into our astro-turf gymnasium and damaged it again and was forced to miss the tussle at Derby."

"Every time I go in the gymnasium the knee swells up. The following day it was sore and restricted my sprinting so the boss decided to leave me on the subs bench for the game at Derby. The knee's OK for five or six games but then it swells up and I have to rest for three days."

A fully-fit Kevin Beattie has never been better needed by Bobby Robson as Ipswich struggle to make progress away



Kevin Beattie — back in an England shirt for Bobby Robson's testimonial challenges Ipswich team-mate Paul Mariner. "He's so difficult to mark," says Beattie.

from the depths of the First Division.

Beattie believes the problem is only short-term. "It's been a case of too many players being off-form at the same time. Once we get a string of results together we'll be all right. We're just not scoring enough goals at the moment."

That responsibility rests fairly and squarely with the Paul Mariner department — a player Beattie rates as the best in Britain.

He marked Mariner during the testimonial game and his opponent gave him a testing time in his reappearance in an England shirt.

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Bad habits

— we must cut them out, says Robson.

"ENGLISH football is getting better," that is the belief of Ipswich Town manager Bobby Robson, and he attributes England's renaissance entirely to Ron Greenwood's efforts.

"Football as a whole benefits from the spin-offs of a successful national side," says Bobby, "but although there are now clear signs of technical improvement in the English game, there are also a lot of bad habits that have to be overcome."

One of the most respected coaches in the country, Robson deplores the negative spoiling tactics employed by some teams and cites a game he had seen recently where the winger was deployed to mark an

opponent and made just two attacking runs himself during the whole game. And such tactics were not isolated incidents, but are becoming accepted practice.

"We need every spectator we can get. We must ask ourselves, are we playing the game correctly? Surely football has to be played forward and not backwards, we are there to entertain and we must remember that. Negative football only chases people away," he warns.

"I know we have pressures, winning and losing creates pressure, but it has always been there. However, we must be positive in our outlook and what we have to do is produce more isolated players. If we can produce ten Kevin Keegan's,

ten Liam Brady's and ten Ray Wilkins's we will be well on the way."

These sentiments are endorsed by Sir Walter Winterbottom, a former England team manager who adds: "It is not only the negative things in football, it is the negative way we stop the game that has to be eliminated. We've also got to cut out players deliberately handling the ball to stop their opponents gaining advantage and other similar acts of cheating."

"The development of skilled performers is all important. I envy the talent Argentina manager Cesar Luis Menotti has to work with. Young players of exceptional ability."

"Argentina," he adds, "are lucky their football has not been infiltrated by foreign stars. On the contrary it was a case of their top names leaving the country and this meant that they had to produce their own players to fill the gap and this resulted in development in depth."

Bad management

THE TURNOVER in managers has become so great that I have come to the conclusion there are an awful lot of pretenders about in the game today.

These are people who believe they can go straight into top management from their playing days with no proper grounding . . . and find out the hard way that they are just not cut out for the job.

People are always asking me what I will do when I finish playing. They presume that because I have a degree I will be able to walk into some academic job.

The truth is, I have probably forgotten more than I ever learned at University.

It might be that I would like

the past decade - Manchester United, Liverpool and Leeds.

From United we had Bobby Charlton, who tried management and failed; Bill Foulkes, who also tried and failed and Nobby Stiles, who is making a good go of it.

From the early Liverpool team you had Ron Yeats, who tried and got the sack, Ian St. John, who tried it and opted out and Gordon Milne who, of course, is still managing with Coventry.

Most recently we have ex-Leeds players and there seems to be a real glut of managers from that club - Jack Charlton, Johnny Giles, Billy Bremner and Allan Clarke.

But I don't believe that gifted players necessarily make good managers. The best managers



Allan Clarke - one of the four recent ex-Leeds players who have moved into management.

to stay in football, but having said that I still think that is the easy way out.

Players in the game are always being quoted as saying that they think they will go into management as though they are doing the game a favour.

The problem is that when they get there many are just not prepared for the change.

Players are pampered. For them, everything is taken care of. For instance, if we are going abroad our passports are taken away from us a couple of days beforehand so we don't forget them. All the arrangements are made and all we have to do is jump on a coach.

Take someone who was a 'natural' as a player. He'll probably expect it all to come naturally in management too, and if he played under a great manager he may assume that will rub off on him. But it's not always like that.

Things will probably go well for a short time, but then all too often it all collapses. If more people undertook some kind of apprenticeship they would realise they were not cut out for the job before getting into it.

Managers seem to breed from successful teams. There have been three really great teams in

for me are the ones who had to graft at the game.

My own boss, Dave Sexton, was never hailed as a great player, neither were Ron Atkinson, Bob Paisley or Lawrie McMenemy. Neither was Brian Clough, come to that, even though he was a great goalscorer. They did their spade work at a lower level first. They worked their way off the bottom and that's the answer to success for me.

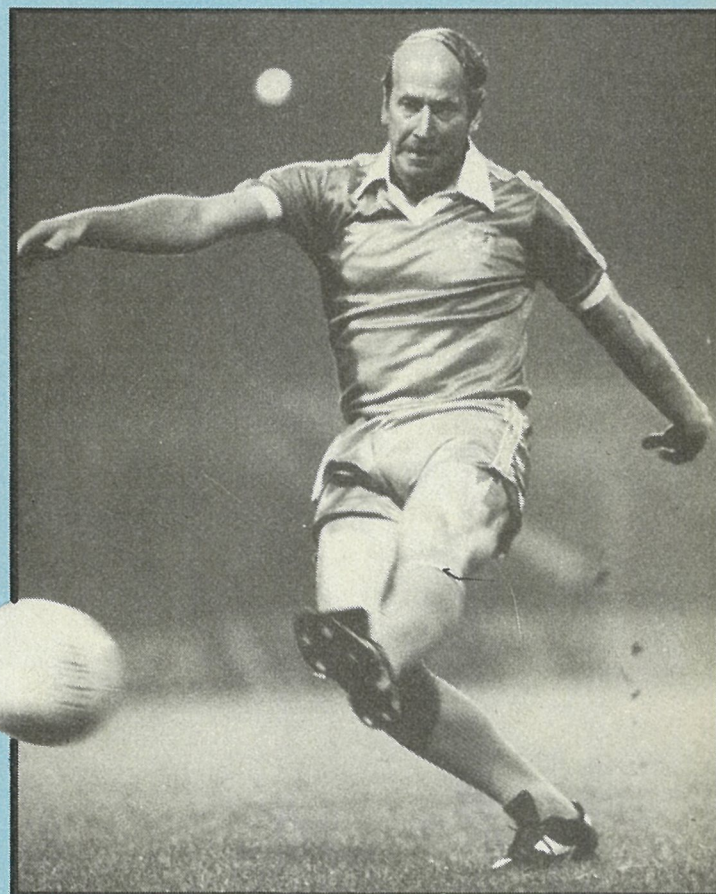
In Germany managers have to hold a licence and to get that licence they have to undergo a course. To that end they are qualified for the job.

I'm not saying the German system is the answer for this country because it has been said that German football is stereotyped because all the managers went to the same school, as it were.

What I am saying is that players who want to be managers should do their homework first and be prepared to first work at the job in lower divisions and lower positions like coaching and training.

Obviously money and prestige have a lot to do with it. It is difficult for a top player to step back out of the limelight into a coaching job for instance.

But a manager must demand



Gifted players don't necessarily make good managers - Bobby Charlton tried and failed.

respect from his players and he can only demand that respect if he knows the game and the job inside out. Players must be able to see that a manager knows what he is talking about. He has got to demand respect by his actions.

Man management is what it is all about and that's where Lawrie McMenemy is supposed to come up trumps because he treats his players like men. The same goes for England manager Ron Greenwood.

There's no way now that I could say I want to stay in the game because you never know what will happen in the future. But one thing is for sure. If I did stay in football on the management side, I would like to feel I had done an apprenticeship in the job first.

Steve Coppell

THE longest-serving manager in the Football League at the moment is Alan Dicks of Bristol City, who was appointed in October 1967. Bobby Robson, who took the Ipswich job in January, 1969, is the only other First Division manager who has survived the seventies.

THE youngest manager ever appointed was Ivor Broadis, who became Carlisle's player-manager in 1946 when he was just 23. The oldest was Charlie Paynter who took over the reins at West Ham at the age of 70!

JOHNNY Cochrane's reign as Reading's manager was the shortest ever. He lasted just 14 days in the managerial chair at Fratton Park. The only manager to stay with the same club during the 21 years between the wars was the late Charlie Foweraker, who took Bolton to F.A. Cup success in 1923, 1926 and 1929.

STRIKER John Duncan, who shot Spurs to promotion with 20 goals the season before last, now finds himself in the firing line of a different crusade . . . keeping Derby in Division One.

The 'Rams' only narrowly escaped relegation last season. They finished the campaign in 19th spot and that's the very same spot they occupied this season after 17 games.

It has to be said that despite Derby's lowly position the tight points position in the Division means that one good run could put them in a very respectable placing.

But that means scoring goals . . . and that's where John Duncan comes in.

In his first 14 appearances this season he bagged seven — helping his team to victory against Arsenal, Middlesbrough, Bolton, Bristol City and Nottingham Forest.

And that scoring rate keeps him roughly on target for the fine average he has kept up throughout his career.

For his first club, Dundee, Duncan scored 62 goals in 121 games. With Tottenham he stuck away 53 goals in 101 appearances and in his 30 turn-outs in Derby colours this season and last he's bagged 12 more. Add that lot up and it comes to 127 goals in 252 professional appearances — one every two games. And that's not bad by anyone's standards . . .



But can he keep it up? "That's difficult to say because I don't really look at the game in terms of keeping records. I'd like to score in every game and I'm always a bit disappointed if I don't," Duncan told **MATCH WEEKLY**.

One goal which obviously gave him a lot of pleasure was the header which sealed his team's impressive 4-1 victory over near neighbours and European Champions Nottingham Forest. Speaking about the win, which must be regarded as something of a shock result, he said: "We knew it would be a hard game, but to be honest we didn't go out feeling we were going to get beat.

"We were quite confident. They had been going through a sticky phase and we had been playing quite well, but obviously

DUNCAN'S CRUSADE.

Can he do for Derby what he did for Spurs

the nature of the win surprised us. Having said that, it was a surprising game with three goals in three minutes, but it wasn't the best we have played this season.

"We got the breaks. Against Ipswich the week before we were unlucky to lose 1-0, but I think every team gets equal breaks in the end. You have got to be able to take advantage of them when they come.

"The thing about Forest is that everyone was putting them on a high pedestal. I'm sure they are still a good team," says Duncan.

He admits he's enjoying his football a lot more this season. He missed the first three games through injury but says: "This year I feel I am reasonably fit and hopefully clear of injury worries. Last season I don't think I ever got fully fit.

"There is a lot of enthusiasm from the management team of Colin Addison and John Newman and this has carried over to the players. We know that they are working hard and I think we are responding to that and working hard as well."

Match Pals

WHY NOT share your enthusiasm for football with a pen pal! If you'd like someone to write to, drop a line on a postcard to **MATCH PALS**, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough, PE1 1UB. Give your full name, address and age and brief details of your interests. We'll publish them in this column at regular intervals.

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I AM 12 and would like to have a pen-friend who is about the same age. I am a Bristol City supporter, but my pen-friend does not have to be. My other interests are cricket and pop music.

*Simon Jupp,
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I WOULD like a pen pal. I am 11 and support Everton and Liverpool. My hobbies are football, tennis and cross-country.

*Stuart Edmond Dilsworth,
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I AM a Chelsea fan and I would like a Chelsea pen pal. I am 13.

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I WOULD like a MATCH WEEKLY pen pal. I am 17 and my hobbies are football (playing and watching), pop music, reading and writing. I support Coventry City.

*Mark Ward,
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I WOULD like a boy or girl pen-pal between the ages of 16 and 20. I am 16 and I support Crystal Palace, but I do like all football in general, as well as most other sports. I like most types of music including Ian Dury, Genesis and Dave Bowie. I don't mind where my pen-pal lives but it would be good to write to another First Division team supporter, so that maybe we could meet at a match.

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IN football the price of fame is abuse from the terraces in every away game. When Manchester City paid £1½ million to buy Steve Daley from Wolves this season he knew what to expect. The slightest mistake was greeted by a chorus of 'you're a waste of money' from opposition fans.

But the 'boo boys' won't deflect the Barnsley-born midfielder from his ambition to help his new club to success and a personal stake for an England cap.

"In a way the abuse is a compliment," he says. "It means you are being noticed. I reacted once in a testimonial match at Newcastle when a group of their fans were having a right go. When I went to take a throw-in I kidded on I was going to chuck the ball at them. About two hundred ducked! I won't do it again, but I must say I enjoyed the moment."

He has also had to take the usual comments that his five per cent cut of the transfer fee will kill off his ambition. "Anyone who says that doesn't know me," he says. "I was once told to play every game as if it were my last — because one day it will be my last."

"Nothing has happened to change that. I came to Manchester City for a challenge. I want an England cap very badly — even one would be something nobody could take away."

"I think I did myself a bit of good in the recent Manchester derby. I played opposite Butch Wilkins and I thought I got the better of the exchanges."

"But it is City that are my first concern. Malcolm Allison stuck his neck out spending so much to sign me. I feel I have an obligation to repay him."

"He is great to play for because he never ties a player down to a strict role. You are encouraged to try things for

yourself and that's the way I like my football. The City fans have still to see the best of me. After a long lay-off, when I was in dispute with Wolves, I am still a little short of match fitness."

That drawn-out affair still stirs painful memories. The asking price for him shot up as Wolves played off rival clubs against each other. They wouldn't play him in the reserves in case of injury.

"It was a pretty terrible time," he says looking back. "I don't blame Wolves for looking for the best price, but for me it was miserable wondering what the future held. I couldn't even run off my frustration in a game."

"I was in and out of the manager's office like a yo-yo asking about all the rumours that were flying around. But it's all behind me now and I can get on with my career."

Off the field he is finding the fierce local rivalry in Manchester a new experience. "I played in some local derbies with Wolves and thought I knew about atmosphere," he says. "But when I ran out at Maine Road for the game against Manchester United the noise was unbelievable. It almost blew you over."

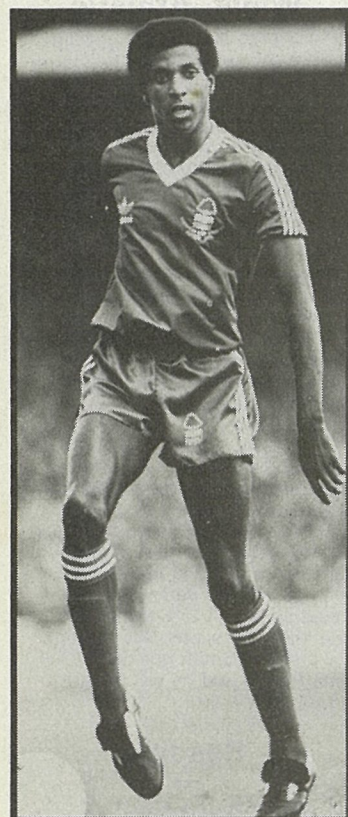
"It would be easy to lose your nerve but I had prepared myself for the pressure a big transfer fee would bring. All the weeks of waiting I was steeling myself to cope. I didn't fix the fee but that is what fans will judge me by. They kid me about my money, but it won't change my attitude to life or football."

"I don't pick up a lump sum. It is paid through my contract over ten years. I didn't become a rich man overnight."

"What it has done is to give me security for my family which has always been my first concern. They are the people I play for and I won't let them down."

This new black magic...

VIV ANDERSON became the first black player to play for the full England team and was certain to be the forerunner of many more. There's not the slightest doubt in my mind that the influx of families from the West Indies, Africa and other countries has meant that our athletic standards are and will be considerably higher. It certainly applies in football.



Viv Anderson... England's first black international at senior level.

BBC Television's JIMMY HILL writes for YOU

I make no apology for referring to colour, despite the racial cranks, who throw up their hands in horror if the difference is pointed out. It's not a case of being better or worse, inferior or superior, just a case of being different. I am suggesting though that the way in which they play the national game is a blessing for us.

Just think of the varied shape and style of the recent England, Under-21 striking trio, which included Garth Crooks and Vince Hilaire alongside Garry Birtles. Unlike so many of their predecessors they were able to make chances to score by using basic skills and athleticism to deceive defenders. They did not depend so much on height and power to get results.

I know there are black strikers who do combine power and height with other attributes like Cyrille Regis and Justin Fashanu as well as defenders such as Bob Hazell and George Berry. But it is in the refined skills of instant control, deceptive turns and dribbles and perfect touch in passing that they will really influence the game.

One such performance which impressed me immensely was that of young Dave Bennett of Manchester City whom you may have seen on Match of the Day showing such silky passing touches against Manchester United. I am told Dave has a younger brother too, who has inherited at least as much of the family ability, so I for one will await his emergence with interest. I can remember seeing for the first time Laurie Cunningham playing for Orient and he took my breath away with his lightning acceleration which has continued to make

him such a threat to defenders. In later years I don't think Laurie made maximum use of that gift in going past defenders on the outside. Certainly, when playing for England, he tended to come inside with the ball too often.

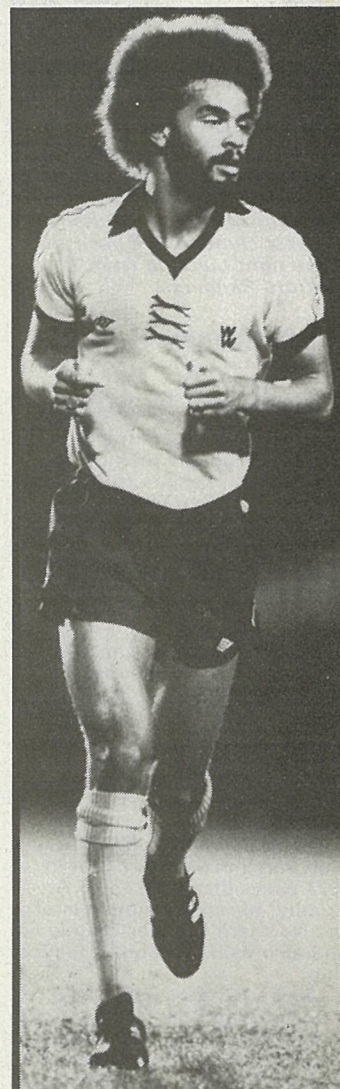
I am not saying he wasted the ball then, but I'd suggest opposing defenders were relieved when he seldom used his most powerful weapon against them.

Most black players are blessed with sprinting ability, which helps them succeed if the rest of their game measures up. It is said that Viv Anderson always manages to make contact in a tackle on account of those spidery legs of his, but it's the speed that those legs generate that gets him in a position to tackle in the first place. That's also why he is so dangerous on the overlap.

Brendon Batson of West Bromwich Albion is another full-back whose attacking thrusts have played a big part in his team's success. I often feel it's Brendon's surges up field, in which he makes himself a spare man, enable West Brom's strikers to release themselves from tight markers and start to play.

Luton fans would undoubtedly pay tribute to the valuable contribution to their current success made by Ricky Hill and Brian Stein. Swindon and Orient supporters would likewise praise Chris Kamara and John Chiedozie.

That will be just four more to add to the growing number of black players who are playing a part in transforming the shape and style of the British game for the better and we should thank them for it.



George Berry... solid, dependable for Wolves.

NEXT WEEK

VOODCOCK IN VUNDERLAND

When Tony Woodcock stepped out for his debut in a Cologne shirt after his £650,000 move from Nottingham Forest, MATCH WEEKLY was there. We sent Trevor Haylett to Germany to cover the story and he reports back next week with interviews with Tony himself, his family, his new manager and his new Club captain Bernd Cullman. Don't miss this super three page picture special...

SUPER STRIKERS

Also next week, there's the third in our new collector series the Super Strikers when we give away eight more super colour pictures for your Album, including Ted MacDougall, Mario Kempes, Roberto Bettega, Tony Brown and Malcolm Macdonald...



Wish you were here! Tony Woodcock surveys the picture postcards of Cologne with his wife Carole on his arrival in Germany.

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We visit St James' Park to talk to the men behind the Geordie revival.

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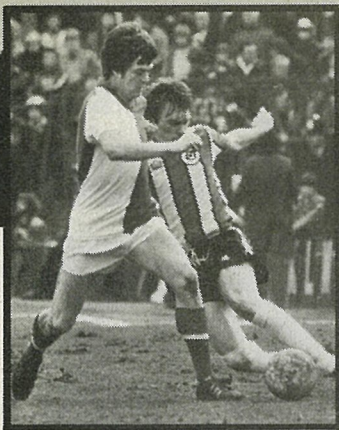
CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

The top holiday games are previewed PLUS puzzles, quizzes and a crossword to keep you busy.

STAR NAMES

Brian Clough, Steve Coppell, Ron Atkinson and Jimmy Hill write exclusively for you...

MATCH IS A MUST — STAY WITH US...



Blackburn's Duncan McKenzie (nearest camera) will need some tight marking from Stafford Rangers.

Blackburn Rovers

v

Stafford Rangers

STAFFORD Rangers travel to Blackburn Rovers looking to add a fourth League club scalp to their F.A. Cup belts.

'The Boro' as they are known to their fans are current holders of the F.A. Challenge Trophy and have defeated Halifax, Stockport and Rotherham in past Cup runs.

But they will have their work cut out to get a result at Blackburn — despite the Third Division side's lower half of the table position.

Rangers' best F.A. Cup run was in 1973–74 when they went out to Peterborough 1–2 in the Fourth Round.

The Alliance Premier League club had a marvellous year in 1972 when they won the F.A. Trophy, became champions of the Northern Premier League and also won the Staffs. Senior Cup.

Maybe Rangers have the seven year itch for success, but Blackburn, armed with players like Duncan McKenzie, have an age-old F.A. Cup tradition to restore.

Blackburn beat Southern League (Midland) side Kidderminster 2–0 away from home in the First Round with goals from Andy Crawford — a £50,000 buy from Derby County in October — and ex-Scottish international Joe Craig. Noel Brotherston was their man of the match.

Stafford, who finished eighth in the Northern Premier League last season, knocked out Moor Green of the Midland Combination League in the First Round.

AMONG the Third and Fourth Division teams in the second round Barnsley haven't reached the third round for the past nine seasons. Bournemouth and Doncaster haven't got past the second in the last five and Tranmere in the last four.

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IT WILL be a rapid re-union for goalkeeper Jim Arnold, whom Blackburn Rovers signed from Stafford Rangers in a £25,000 deal last June, when the two teams meet on Saturday.

F.A. CUP SECOND

TEN non-League clubs take to the field in the F.A. Cup Second Round on Saturday dreaming of victory and a money-spinning shot at football's big guns.

At least two non-Leaguers are sure to make the magic Third Round and there are others capable of pulling off a shock.

Here **MATCH WEEKLY** previews some of the most intriguing and exciting ties of the round . . .

Croydon

v

Millwall

THIRD Division high-flyers Millwall have to travel away to a non-League side for the second time with their visit to Berger Isthmian League team Croydon.

Millwall — currently one of the favourites for promotion to Division Two in the League — made hard work of the First Round tie against Salisbury of the Southern League (South) winning 2–1 with goals from John Mitchell and Dave Donaldson — two players Croydon will need to watch.

Millwall must be favourites to go on to the Third Round in the best traditions of the teams of the early 1900's which reached the F.A. Cup semi-final stage three times.

Croydon enjoyed a fine 3–0 win over Wycombe Wanderers in the First Round (away) with goals from Rod Ward, Barry Constable and 'Snowy' Ward and they have never been this far in the F.A. Cup before.

Their best run came in season 1975–76 when they reached the Fourth Qualifying Round. Honours include Athenian League Division 2 champions in 1965–66 and Spartan League champions in 1963–64. They finished eighth in the Berger Isthmian League Premier Division last season.

Nicknamed 'The Blues', that's what they'll be hoping to give the Millwall fans.

The tie has been switched to Crystal Palace's Selhurst Park for crowd safety reasons and it's hoped a money-spinning gate will be the result.

Croydon have one ex-pro in former Chelsea player Alec Jackson, ex-England amateur international Dave Cobb in goal, a winger called Ray Sunnocks who has been watched by a number of League clubs and Rod Ward is probably their most dangerous striker.

NEW Rochdale boss Bob Stokoe will go to Tranmere as one of the comparatively few men in soccer history to have played and then managed FA Cup winning teams. He played as Newcastle's centre half when they won the trophy in 1954–55 and he was manager of Sunderland when they beat Leeds in 1973.

Grimsby

v

Sheffield United

THE fishing town of Grimsby knows all about Cup fever following the Third Division side's fine run in the League Cup and their shock defeat of Everton.

'The Mariners' face a slightly smaller fish in the shape of Sheffield United in the F.A. Cup, but United have had the better results in the League this season.

There's still not much to choose between the two and it must be an apprehensive Harry Haslam that leads his side to the east coast fishing port.

Grimsby kept in with a chance — even if it might be the longest of long shots — of success in three competitions by disposing of Chesterfield in the First Round after a replay.

The club were semi-finalists in the F.A. Cup in 1936 and 1939 so they are not without something to live up to.

Sheffield United beat non-League Burscough in the last round 3–0 and they have a tremendous F.A. Cup record of old — winners in 1899, 1902, 1915, and 1925 and runners-up in 1901 and 1936.

But 'The Blades' will certainly need to be sharp against a Grimsby side full of Cup confidence.

Northwich Victoria

v

Wigan Athletic

NORTHERN Premier League side Northwich Victoria have had more than just a passing interest in the F.A. Cup in years gone by.

They have beaten three League sides in the competition — Rochdale, Peterborough and Watford — and once reached the Fourth Round proper before going out to Oldham. That was in 1976–77.

In the First Round this year they put out Nuneaton Borough after a tremendous battle and a replay.

Wigan — mid-table in the Fourth Division — certainly won't be taking their Second Round opponents lightly with 'The Vics' track record.

They also needed a replay to get this far. They drew 1–1 with Blackpool away and beat them on their own ground.

It's only Wigan's second season in the League and this clash could turn into a real dog fight.

Wigan striker Peter Houghton could be a man to watch — he was their top scorer last season. Vic's striker Smith got two in the First Round and he will be out to hit the net again.

Reading

v

Barking

BARKING provided the real shock of the First Round when they beat Third Division Oxford 1–0 thanks to a late goal from Brothers.

That was a home game, but they have to travel to Reading in the Second Round.

Both Reading and Oxford have enjoyed much the same success in the League so far this season so Barking must give themselves a fighting chance of getting a result.

They have never gone farther than the Second Round, which they also reached last year, but were Berger Isthmian League Premier Division champions last season.

Home or not Reading won't relish a visit from a Barking



Salisbury goalkeeper Wilshire dives for the ball in their First Round tie against Millwall. But he couldn't stop the London Third Division side going on to a 2–1 win.

Second Round Fixtures

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

Blackburn v Stafford Rangers	.....
Bury v York	.....
Carlisle v Sheffield Wed	.....
Chesham v Merthyr Tydfil	.....
Chester v Barnsley	.....
Colchester v Bournemouth	.....
Croydon v Millwall	.....
Darlington v Bradford	.....
Doncaster v Mansfield	.....
Grimsby v Sheffield Utd	.....
Hereford v Aldershot	.....



ROUND PREVIEW

MATCH WEEKLY ANALYSES THE TOP TIES

side with their tails up.

Reading's best season in the F.A. Cup was in 1927 when they were semi-finalists so they are long overdue a good run.

They were champions of Division Four last season and they are certainly holding their own in the Third this term.

In the First Round of the Cup they knocked out non-League Kettering 4-2 on their own ground and two-goal Kearney could be a man to watch for Barking.

Strikers Peter Burton and Bryn Key - Barking's top scorers last season - could be danger men as far as Reading are concerned.

Said Barking secretary Roy Clark: "We have not watched Reading - we'll let them worry about us."

"We were delighted with the win over Oxford and we are confident we can get the right result at Reading. We'll be going all out for a win - we would like to get it over with as quickly as possible because we've got a lot on our plates at the moment," he joked.

YEOVIL are second to none as post-war non-league cup fighters - they have reached the third round five times, in 1948-49, 1949-50, 1957-58, 1963-64 and 1970-71. They look hot favourites to do it again with their home draw against Slough in the second round.

Rotherham v Altrincham

ALTRINCHAM knocked-out struggling Fourth Division Crewe in the First Round in an impressive 3-0 win... but that was on their home ground against a team bottom of the League.

A much harder game is in prospect for the Alliance Premier League side when they visit Third Division Rotherham in the Second Round.

Northwich Victoria v Wigan.....
Reading v Barking.....
Rotherham v Altrincham.....
Southend v Harlow.....
Torquay v Swindon.....
Tranmere v Rochdale.....
Walsall v Halifax.....
Wimbledon v Portsmouth.....
Yeovil v Slough.....

Replays to be played on
Tuesday, December 18 or
Wednesday, December 19.



Rotherham defender John Breckin (left) - one of the men Altrincham will have to break down.

Altrincham are top of their League this season and have former Manchester United star Alex Stepney in goal.

They have defeated three League clubs in their past F.A. Cup runs - Rochdale, Hartlepool and Scunthorpe - and have a number of players with League experience.

The club has drawn some big fish in the competition in their time - namely Wolves, Everton, and last year Spurs who they held to a draw at White Hart Lane before going down 3-0 at home in the Third Round replay.

They were F.A. Trophy winners last year too.

Rotherham have had a good first half of the season in Division Three and have reached the Fifth Round of the F.A. Cup twice in their history - in 1953 and 1968.

They'll be expecting to win this clash, but they would be wise to remember Tottenham last season.

Said Altrincham manager-of-the-month Tony Sanders: "This game will be the exact opposite to our match with Crewe. We ended up favourites for that one, but Rotherham will provide formidable opposition with players like John Green and John Breckin in defence and Rodney Fern up front."

This is the fourth time in eight years Altrincham have reached the Second Round. They played Rotherham in a cup-tie three or four seasons back and lost 5-0, so they will be out to avenge that defeat.

Southend United v Harlow Town

STRUGGLING Third Division Southend face a home clash with Harlow Town - enjoying their best-ever run in the F.A. Cup - yet another success story from the Berger Isthmian League Premier Division.

Harlow were Berger Isthmian League Division One champions last season and also took the Essex Senior Cup this year.

They beat Leytonstone and Ilford in the First Round 2-1 with goals from Twigg and Fairclough and will fancy a result at Southend who are not having things all their own way this season.

The Shrimpers' beat non-League Wealdstone 1-0 away in the First Round with a goal from Walker, but still have quite a bit to do to equal the club's best season in the F.A. Cup which was a spot in the Fifth Round in 1925-26.

Southend striker Derrick Parker, their top scorer last season and man-of-the-match in their First Round tie, is the man they will be looking to for goals.

Harlow are keeping their fingers crossed that two of their key players - captain Tony Gough (ex-Fulham) and striker Peter Twigg will be fit for the game.

Twigg was their top scorer last season and has already scored over 20 this term, but injury made him an early doubt for the cup-tie.

Wimbledon v Portsmouth

TOP versus bottom - that's the clash between Wimbledon and Portsmouth at Plough Lane where 'The Dons' have the chance to give their home fans something to shout about.

Wimbledon are struggling at the bottom of Division Three while Portsmouth are powering on at the top of the Fourth.

So, on current form, it should be Pompey's game, but Wimbledon really have only a good F.A. Cup run to look forward to - apart from staving off relegation - and you can bet they'll be out to prove something against the south coast high scorers.

Wimbledon were promoted to the Third last season, but their form in the League this season has been disappointing to say the least - taking just 14 points from the first 20 games.

They put out mid-table Third Division side Gillingham in the First Round after a replay and they'll be hoping striker Alan Cork, their top scorer last season with 22 goals, can find the mark in the Cup as well.

Portsmouth are one team who have had no trouble finding the net this season with over 50 goals to their credit in Division Four.

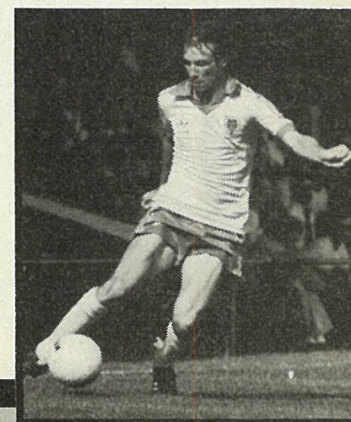
However, they only managed a 1-0 win over fellow Division Four promotion candidates Newport County in a home match in the last round.

In stark contrast to Wimbledon, Portsmouth are a team steeped in history and honours in the F.A. Cup are no exception - albeit they were achieved a long time ago.

Pompey won the Cup in 1939 and were runners-up in '29 and '34.

Portsmouth will be looking to their new £60,000 signing Dave Gregory (from Bury) and established striker Colin Garwood, who turned down a move to Exeter, to win the match.

Wimbledon striker Alan Cork - their top scorer last season - will be hungry to hit the net against Portsmouth.



Brighton's Brian Horton sits this one out against Glasgow Rangers as team-mates Peter Ward and Peter O'Sullivan wait to pounce.



The night's top scorer Kevin Arnott of Sunderland cracks in a shot past Arnold Muhren and George Burley of Ipswich.



SUNDERLAND EXPRESS

'DAILY EXPRESS' FIVE-A-SIDE

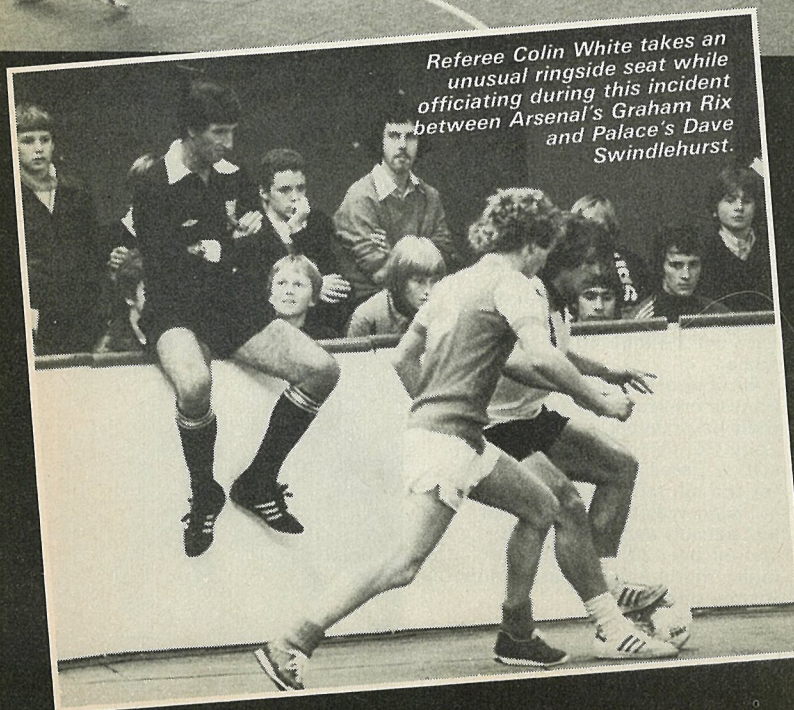
RESULTS:

FIRST ROUND: Chelsea 0 Man. Utd. 0 (Chelsea won on penalties); Newcastle 2 West Ham 0; Ipswich 0 Sunderland 2; Aston Villa 1, W.B.A. 3; Coventry 1 Man. City 0; Spurs 2 Southampton 1; Glasgow Rangers 0 Brighton 1; Arsenal 2 Palace 3.
SECOND ROUND: Chelsea 0 Newcastle 1; Sunderland 2 W.B.A. 0; Coventry 1 Spurs 2; Brighton 2 Palace 1.
SEMI-FINALS: Newcastle 0 Sunderland 4; Spurs 1 Brighton 2. FINAL: Sunderland 2 Brighton 0.

The Wembley arena scene as Brighton defend in the final against Sunderland, whose Shaun Elliott is on the ball.



Referee Colin White takes an unusual ringside seat while officiating during this incident between Arsenal's Graham Rix and Palace's Dave Swindlehurst.



Mick Buckley, Sunderland's skipper, holds the 'Daily Express' trophy aloft watched by 'keeper Chris Turner.





THE STARS are shining brightly these days at Cold Blow Lane, home of Millwall Football Club. The clouds of gloom and despondency that gathered when the team were relegated from the Second Division last spring are now dispersing.

And the reason for this new fresh wave of optimism hinges on the teenage talent that swept to an FA Youth Cup triumph last season and is now making its presence felt in the first team.

Manager George Petchey is a firm believer in youth. His policy at the Den has always been to sell the older players and keep the young stars who will be the club's future. So successful has this been that Mr. Petchey now has ten players from that Youth team, who he could confidently draft into the League side.

He says that some of them could become £1 million players in the future and one of these bright young stars is midfield player David Mehmet. Of him Mr. Petchey says: "He will be

the best of the lot because of his exceptional vision. He sees things so early."

Mehmet is just 18, yet already he is preparing for his 60th senior appearance with the first team, having made his Football League debut against Burnley at the age of 16. "My memory of that game was that it was a bit fast," he recalls. It is perhaps not surprising that this young Londoner should have made football his trade.

For his grandfather Jack Mochine was a Scottish international and he spent many hours coaching his young grandson.

As a schoolboy, David won representative honours, but his link up with Millwall came about through Billy Hughes, the 'Lions' youth team

coach, who was also connected with the Sunday League club for which David played.

Millwall signed him on schoolboy forms when he was 14 and three years later he became a full time professional. He played in 32 Second Division matches last season scoring three goals and has now established himself as a regular first choice for a midfield place.

A well built lad of 5ft. 8ins. and 10 stone 4lbs with a shock of ginger hair, he says his ambition is "to play in the First Division with Millwall". Apart from his unquestionable ability on the field the most striking feature about this young man is his loyalty to the club who gave him the chance.

He says: "I really would like to try and make it at international level, but really I just want to

help make Millwall a better club. I don't want to let them down.

"The strength of my game is passing, playing the early ball forward which gives my forwards a bit more time and space. As far as scoring goes I am pretty average. I am still trying to improve my all round game, particularly my defensive work, tackling and heading. Everyone needs to work at their game and practice the things they can do as well as the weaker parts."

There are no doubt many honours in store for this young man. Last year he was selected for the England Youth side against Norway and would have earned further caps had he not been forced to withdraw because of injury and first team commitments.

His manager has great faith in David's future and has shown this by giving him a new five year contract that will keep him at the Den until 1984. And who knows, Millwall could well be in the First Division by then.

DAVID MEHMET Millwall

Keegan versus Cruyff



ATKINSON

PEOPLE who know me Richard will tell you there isn't a bigger fan of the Dutch style of play than me.

So when you ask me to choose between Johan Cruyff, the man who throughout the seventies has been acclaimed as probably the best in the world, and Kevin Keegan, the man striving to attain that title, it's a tough one.

Cruyff is one of the best half-dozen players I know of in my lifetime — a man that appears to possess every gift of the game... great acceleration, control, knowledge, good finishing and, indeed, a good captain.

Keegan is a manufactured player, who hasn't always been the most talented player in the world but who by sheer endeavour, hard work and commitment, has proved an example to every young player in the game.

He never does anything by halves. He's a 200 per-center all the while. People have said he's a better player since going on the continent, but I know from talking to Bob Paisley that he felt that he was better because he was not asked to play so many games, and consequently he was fresher and brighter.

Licence

Certainly, over the last two years his performances for England have been a revelation and it's hard to define which is his best position.

In many ways he compares favourably with Cruyff in as much as it seems a good idea to give both of them licence to operate where they fancy and let their knowledge, their



THIS WEEK'S winner of a super leather football autographed by West Bromwich players is Richard Scott, aged 15, from 24 Taunton Avenue, Abington Vale, Northampton.

Richard is a Norwich fan, and in his letter, commiserated with Ron Atkinson, on West Bromwich Albion's defeat by the Canaries in the League Cup!

In nominating Johan Cruyff, Richard says: "He's a near perfect player, brilliant in all aspects of the game and sets unbeatable standards."

Of Keegan he says: "He's an inspiration to the England side, just as Cruyff was to the Dutch."

It's a fascinating comparison.

instinct take them to where they can do the most damage. Cruyff is supreme in ball control. There isn't any way I can fault him. He manufactures things. How often have we seen him on television going down the left wing and then hitting the ball with the outside of his right foot early across the face of the goal and catching opponents by surprise.

And the little trick when he gets in corners and flicks it through the back of his legs and leaves defenders for dead. Keegan's control is tighter. The ball is played into him, he

checks, wags his foot over the ball well. Keegan, sometimes I feel, doesn't have quite the range of Cruyff. The Dutchman seems to have the whole field as his range.

He can be in one part of the field and hits a ball to the other side of the park to bring people into play. Keegan is more of a close contact player — seldom switching the play but always busy and effective.

In passing, Cruyff has the whole range — short passing, long passing, slotting people in with little killer through balls, curling good centres in. Keegan

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basically operates in close contact. Round the edge of the penalty area he's looking for quick little push and runs. Indeed, he scored a superb goal with Brooking against Scotland last year.

In the shooting department, Keegan is very much improved, his technique particularly has improved immensely and must be now on a par with Cruyff.

Both are right-footed and I can't fault them. You'll notice how even when they're trapped on the left of the park they will still work the ball away with the right foot. On the left side, only eight apiece from me.

When it comes to vision, Cruyff is in the ranks of Pele and that former Real Madrid maestro Alfredo di Stefano. He sees the whole field and if *MATCH* would let me I'd give him eleven out of ten.

Vision

What Kevin loses on vision he gains on temperament. Cruyff has sometimes given me the impression he is not totally committed. Perhaps it's the number of big games he's played in that makes him that way, but it's something you could never level at Kevin, he gets full marks.

In 1974 when Holland were, to my mind, the best in the world, every Dutchman was a tremendous tackler and particularly a master at the slide tackle. Cruyff did this a hell of a lot, whereas as Keegan's game is to hustle and pressure people, to challenge and compete. In the latter years Cruyff did not appear to relish this kind of work, but Keegan's always lapped it up.

This brings me to heading. Keegan's tremendous for a man of his size. I'm prepared to concede this to him because when you think of the number of times he has played target man for England at only about five foot eight inches tall and the number of goals he has

scored both for England and Liverpool, it's remarkable.

I'll give him a straight ten, too, for his stamina — and I'm being ungenerous. For being a good all-round athlete Cruyff gets nine.

This may surprise some people but I'm going for Cruyff on speed. He's got that asset that truly great players have — that extra gear. He appears to move as quick as the quickest then moves up a gear.

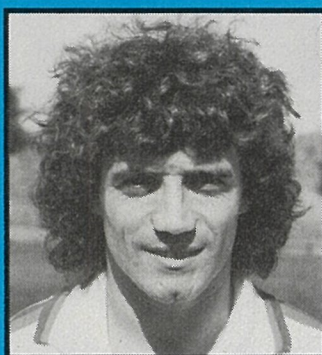
For teamwork though, it's got to be ten for Kevin. The team always comes first with him and his performance naturally follows. He has been engrained in the Liverpool habit which has continued with England and Hamburg. With Cruyff, the team's performance is something ancillary to his own display.

That's been a hard one for me Richard, but satisfying. It has been so hard to split them

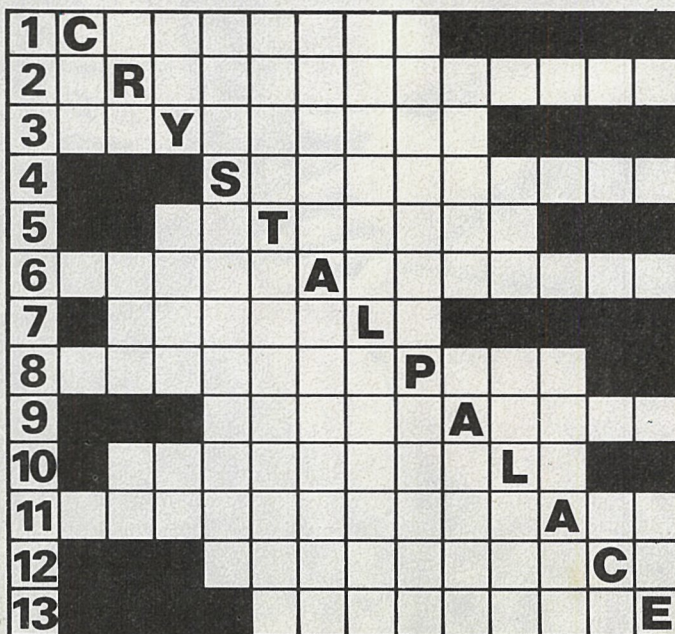
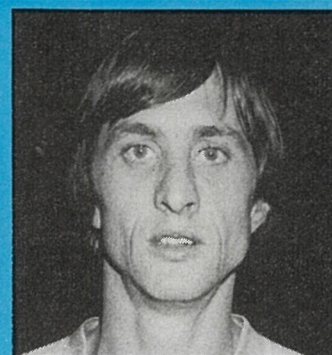
though it surprised me that, Kevin finished level, when I totted up the marks at the end, because I feel we haven't seen the best of him yet.

See you next week with another prize winner.

Ken Hutchinson



KEEGAN		CRUYFF
9	Shooting	9
9	Ball Control	10
8	Passing	10
8	Left side	8
10	Right side	10
8	Vision	10
10	Temperament	8
8	Tackling	8
10	Heading	8
10	Stamina	9
9	Speed	10
10	Teamwork	9
109	TOTAL	109
120	Maximum	120



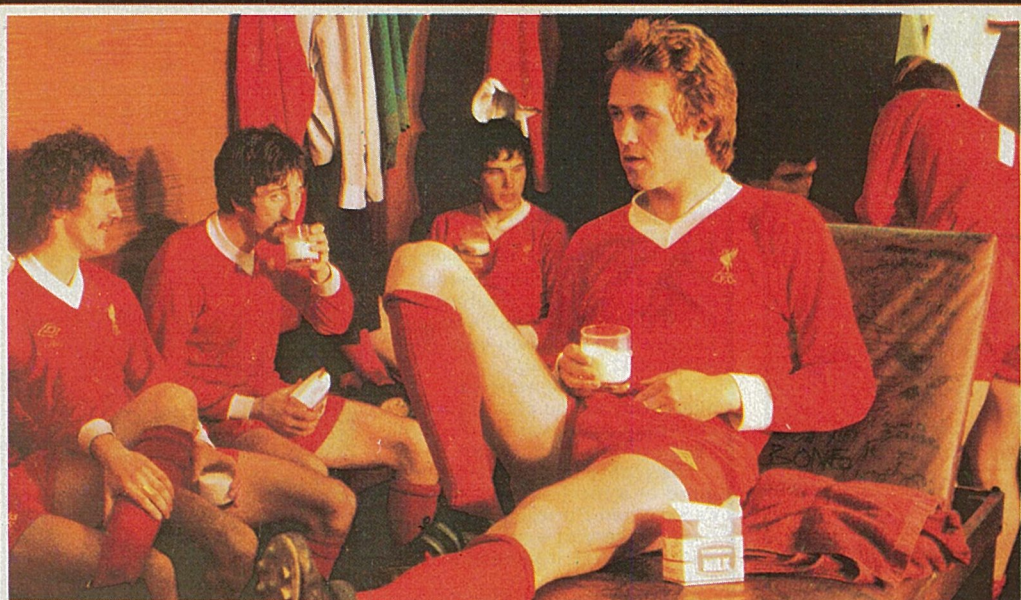
With the help of CRYSTAL PALACE, whose name has already been filled in, can you complete this puzzle by filling in the answers to these thirteen questions?

1. Northampton Town's nickname.
2. This Division Two side are known as the 'Pirates'.
3. A Scottish Division One team which plays at Kilbowie Park.
4. Alan scored Arsenal's cup-winning goal, last season.
5. This is Manchester City, in other words.
6. The English League's newest team.
7. Last season's Irish League winners.
8. Lawrie McMenemy manages this team.
9. The champions of the Spanish League, last season.
10. Blackpool's ground.
11. Fulham play here.
12. A team from Ayrshire.
13. Where Aberdeen play.

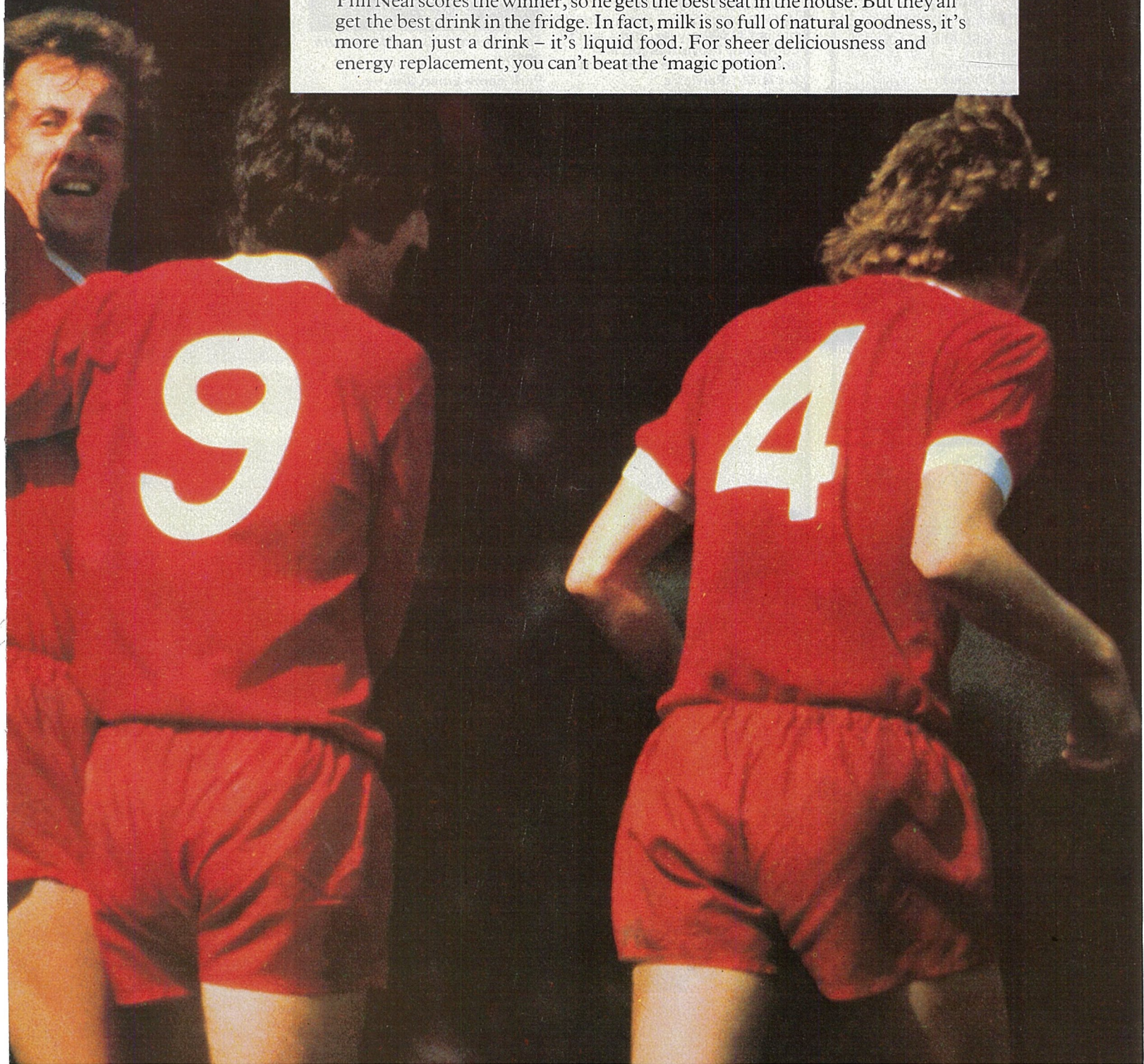
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Fixtures

Saturday, December 15

Division One

Bolton v Ipswich
Brighton v Stoke
Coventry v Man. U.
Leeds v Wolves
Liverpool v C. Palace
Man. C. v Derby
Norwich v Bristol C.
Nottm. F. v Middlesbro'
Southampton v Everton
Spurs v Aston Villa
W.B.A. v Arsenal

Division Two

Birmingham v Burnley
Bristol R. v Oldham
Cambridge v Fulham
Cardiff v Preston
Charlton v Leicester
Chelsea v Swansea
Newcastle v Q.P.R.
Orient v Notts. C.
Shrewsbury v West Ham
Watford v Sunderland
Wrexham v Luton

Scottish Premier Division

Aberdeen v St. Mirren
Celtic v Partick
Dundee v Kilmarnock
Morton v Hibernian
Rangers v Dundee U.

Division One

Airdrie v Stirling
Ayr U. v Motherwell
Clyde v Arbroath
Clydebank v Berwick
Hearts v Hamilton
Raith R. v Dumbarton
St. J'stone v D'fermline

Tuesday, December 18

Division Two

Q.P.R. v Chelsea

● F.A. Cup Second Round — see page 10.

● Rearranged Division Three and Four fixtures unavailable at time of going to print.

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**THURSDAY
IS
'MATCH' DAY**

FRANK Burrows is a perfectionist. The down-to-earth Scot, who has revived Pompey's fortunes, demands the maximum from everyone — and that includes himself.

Since taking over as manager after a spell as coach to Jimmy Dickinson, Burrows has injected a new drive and zest into a club in danger of being strangled by their own cobwebs.

Nothing short of the best will do for a man whose greatest claim to fame was wearing the No. 5 shirt in Swindon's epic League Cup final win over Arsenal 11 years ago.

"I demand the most of everybody at the club from the chairman downwards," he says. "But I give a lot in return."

The reality of the day-to-day grind of a football manager came when Burrows recently took delivery of a new car. Within a week it needed a 1500 mile service.

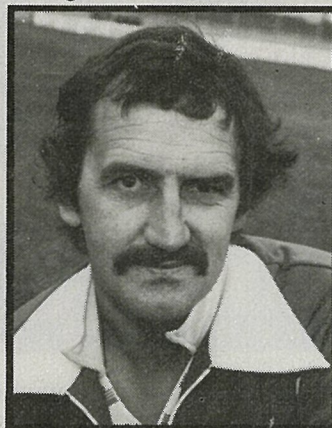
He adds: "People like Brian Clough and Bob Paisley work just as hard — the only difference between them and me is £30,000 a year. But I can't complain, I love this job and about the only one I'd swap it for is Mr. Paisley's."

The enthusiasm of the man is infectious. Through skilful wheeling and dealing, he has moulded a side that has brought a touch of plush velvet to the stark, grey world of the

Fourth Division. Their only problem is satisfying the boss.

"Here we are, second in the League with average gates of around 15,000. I must be satisfied but in my heart of hearts I wish we were ten points clear at the top. I wish someone would tell me if it's normal but I always think we can do better," adds Burrows.

His first move into the manager's office at Fratton



Frank Burrows . . . Portsmouth boss.

Park came when Jimmy Dickinson suffered a heart attack on a cold, dingy night at Barnsley towards the end of last season. A few months later Burrows' appointment became permanent and he set about

UP -

rebuilding the side.

Most of the cash came from the £150,000 deal that took promising centre-half Steve Foster to Brighton.

"I wanted to strengthen the squad and bring in a little extra competition for places," he says.

Down to the South Coast came midfielder Joe Laidlaw, who was made skipper; Steve Aizlewood and John McLaughlin bolstered the defence with their moves from Swindon; the experienced Archie Styles was signed on a free transfer and Alan Rogers brought his left-wing skills from Plymouth.

The delving into the transfer market has continued this season with winger Ian Purdie coming from Wigan and Steve Perrin a recent signing from Plymouth.

The Pompey manager explains: "I felt we started the job last season when Jimmy Dickinson was manager and I was coach. We stopped the side losing and the players felt we were capable of winning a few games. That may not

COLIN GARWOOD: A £20,000 buy from Colchester two seasons ago, Garwood had benefited from a hard summer of training to become one of the League's top scorers this season. Pompey are his fifth club and he is also the club's penalty taker.



Colin Garwood.

STEVE AIZLEWOOD: Brought from Swindon for £45,000 during the summer, Aizlewood is a rugged centre-half particularly strong in the air. He started his career with Newport where he made his debut at 16 and went on to win a Welsh Under-23 cap.

TERRY BRISLEY: A hard-working, aggressive midfielder, Brisley has also been with Orient, Millwall and Charlton, from where he was signed for £25,000 during the summer. Has already earned the reputation of being a far post specialist where his late, ghosting runs have been a major factor in his eight goals this season.

JEFF HEMMERMAN: Hemmerman is now one of three forwards battling for the central striking position and had to wait until mid-September before forcing a regular place in the side this season. A free transfer from Port Vale, he joined Pompey at



Terry Brisley.

the start of last season and finished top scorer with 16 goals.

ARCHIE STYLES: A bargain free-transfer from Peterborough during the summer, Styles has also seen service with Everton and Birmingham. Cultured left foot and particularly good going forward, he made 100 appearances for Birmingham but recently lost his place at Fratton Park.

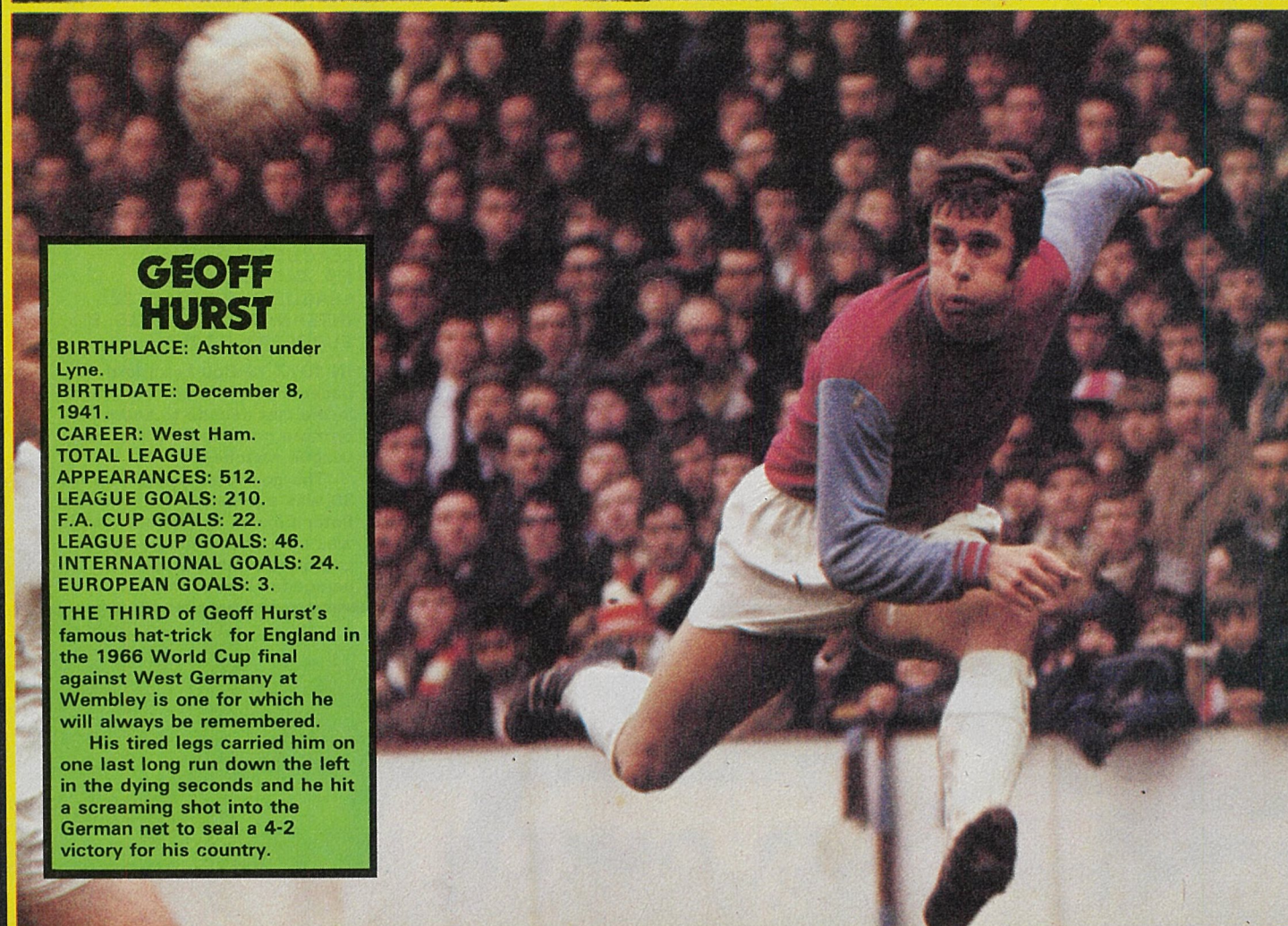


GEORGE BEST

BIRTHPLACE: Belfast.
BIRTHDATE: May 22, 1946.
CAREER: Manchester United, Stockport County, Fulham, Hibernian.
TOTAL LEAGUE APPEARANCES: 406.
LEAGUE GOALS: 148.
F.A. CUP GOALS: 22.
LEAGUE CUP GOALS: 7.
INTERNATIONAL GOALS: 9 (Northern Ireland).
EUROPEAN GOALS: 11.

GEORGE Best's magic is creating something out of nothing and that's exactly what he did against Sheffield United early in the 1971-72 season.

Sheffield went to Old Trafford unbeaten that term, but they lost the game 1-0 because of Best. He picked up the ball outside the box and went on one of his mazy runs. Fending off numerous challenges and forced wide he still managed to clip in a great goal from an acute angle. Nothing but the Best.



GEOFF HURST

BIRTHPLACE: Ashton under Lyne.
BIRTHDATE: December 8, 1941.
CAREER: West Ham.
TOTAL LEAGUE APPEARANCES: 512.
LEAGUE GOALS: 210.
F.A. CUP GOALS: 22.
LEAGUE CUP GOALS: 46.
INTERNATIONAL GOALS: 24.
EUROPEAN GOALS: 3.

THE THIRD of Geoff Hurst's famous hat-trick for England in the 1966 World Cup final against West Germany at Wembley is one for which he will always be remembered.

His tired legs carried him on one last long run down the left in the dying seconds and he hit a screaming shot into the German net to seal a 4-2 victory for his country.

SUPER STRIKERS

FRANK WORTHINGTON

BIRTHPLACE: Halifax.

BIRTHDATE: November 23, 1948.

CAREER: Huddersfield, Leicester, Bolton, Birmingham.

TOTAL LEAGUE

APPEARANCES: 451.

LEAGUE GOALS: 149.

F.A. CUP GOALS: 9.

LEAGUE CUP GOALS: 3.

INTERNATIONAL GOALS: 2.

EUROPEAN GOALS: 0.

INDIVIDUALITY in a goal is always a crowd pleaser and Frank Worthington gave Bolton fans a real gem to remember against Ipswich last season.

Worthington had his back to goal when he collected the ball. He flicked the ball over his head and that of the defender behind him, ran round and hit an unstoppable volley into the net.



BOB LATCHFORD

BIRTHPLACE: Birmingham.

BIRTHDATE: January 18, 1951.

CAREER: Birmingham, Everton.

TOTAL LEAGUE

APPEARANCES: 349.

LEAGUE GOALS: 166.

F.A. CUP GOALS: 11.

LEAGUE CUP GOALS: 22.

INTERNATIONAL GOALS: 5.

EUROPEAN GOALS: 3.

IN 1977-78 Bob Latchford became only the second player in the last decade to score 30 or more goals in First Division League matches.

The goal that brought up his 30 was a penalty. His kick beat Peter Bonetti of Chelsea, but it was only after a long delay as Latchford's team-mates persuaded him to take it.





BRYAN 'POP' ROBSON

BIRTHPLACE: Sunderland.

BIRTHDATE: November 11, 1945.

CAREER: Newcastle, West Ham, Sunderland, West Ham, Sunderland.

TOTAL LEAGUE

APPEARANCES: 522.

LEAGUE GOALS: 216.

F.A. CUP GOALS: 12.

LEAGUE CUP GOALS: 11.

INTERNATIONAL GOALS: 0.

EUROPEAN GOALS: 14.

POP ROBSON never got any more pleasure from a goal than he did from the scorcher he scored for West Ham against Wrexham in the Second Division last season.

He received the ball with his back to goal, but swung round and instinctively let loose an unstoppable drive from outside the box. West Ham lost the game, but their fans had something to shout about in Robson's goal.

FRANCIS LEE

BIRTHPLACE: Westthroughton, Bolton.

BIRTHDATE: April 29, 1944.

CAREER: Bolton Wanderers, Manchester City, Derby County.

TOTAL LEAGUE

APPEARANCES: 499.

LEAGUE GOALS: 216.

F.A. CUP GOALS: 15.

LEAGUE CUP GOALS: 16.

INTERNATIONAL GOALS: 11 (England).

EUROPEAN GOALS: 13.

ONE of Francis Lee's own personal favourites, for more reasons than one, was a goal he scored for Derby against his old club Manchester City at Maine Road, on December 28 1974.

He picked the ball up about ten yards inside City's half, beat a couple of players, ran on and hammered a terrific drive from 30 yards that Joe Corrigan hardly saw. The goal led to a 2-1 win for Derby.



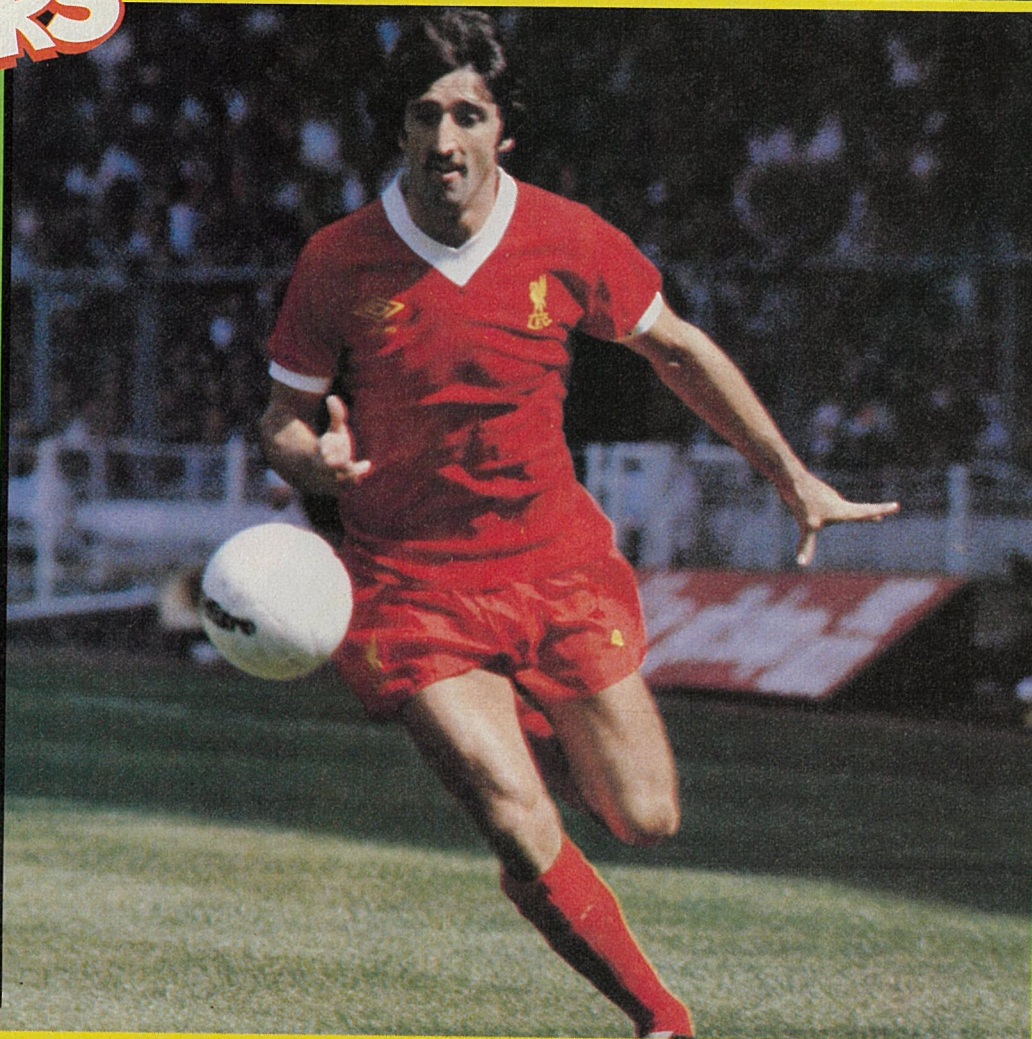
SUPER STRIKERS

DAVID JOHNSON

BIRTHPLACE: Liverpool.
BIRTHDATE: October, 1951.
CAREER: Everton, Ipswich, Liverpool.
TOTAL LEAGUE APPEARANCES: 233.
LEAGUE GOALS: 80.
F.A. CUP GOALS: 9.
LEAGUE CUP GOALS: 5.
INTERNATIONAL GOALS: 3 (England).
EUROPEAN GOALS: 7.

NOW a Liverpool favourite, David Johnson began his career with rivals Everton. It was at Goodison that he made his European debut – in a European Cup quarter final match against Panathinaikos of Greece . . . and scored the winner in the dying minutes of the game.

Unfortunately Everton went out to the Greek team after the second leg, but no doubt the goal is one that Johnson will always remember despite the numerous great goals he has scored for Ipswich and Liverpool since.



MARTIN CHIVERS

BIRTHPLACE: Southampton.
BIRTHDATE: April 27, 1944.
CAREER: Southampton, Tottenham, Servette, Norwich, Brighton.
TOTAL LEAGUE APPEARANCES: 455.
LEAGUE GOALS: 220.
F.A. CUP GOALS: 14.
LEAGUE CUP GOALS: 17.
INTERNATIONAL GOALS: 13.
EUROPEAN GOALS: 20.

MARTIN Chivers didn't score many more important goals than the vital one he bagged for Tottenham in a League Cup semi-final second leg against Wolves in 1972-73.

It was scored in the 11th minute of extra time at White Hart Lane making the score 2-2 on the day, but 4-3 to Spurs on aggregate and the London club went on to win the final against Norwich 1-0.

POMPEY

sound much but you have to be in that situation to realise what it does mean."

Pompey and Burrows have not looked back since. They started the season like a whirlwind and have maintained their promotion course, bringing the fans flocking back to Fratton Park and spreading a long-lost air of optimism around the city.

Adds Burrows: "The club has also developed off the field. We had to stop feeling sorry for ourselves, after all we have no divine right to survive and had to earn our keep."

"Les Allen and the commercial staff started to graft at the job of selling Portsmouth Football Club. Secretary Bill Davis tightened up the administration side. I'm just there to make sure the club goes forward and I get a lot of help from Stan Harland, Jack Smith and Gordon Neave."

Burrows refuses to look further than the next game. He's wary of talking about promotion at this stage but is determined to keep this once-great club moving back

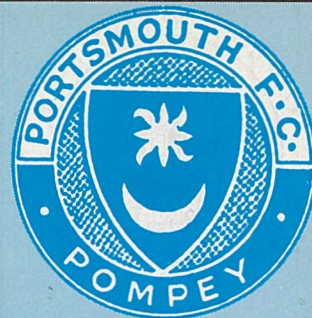
towards those glory days.

He says: "I can put the details to a plan. But a lot depends on the board — money has to be made available to make the ground better, to buy better players and keep in the market with wages."

● Pompey can still pull in the crowds. Their attendance of more than 24,000 for the promotion battle with Bradford was the highest gate for a Fourth Division game this decade.

● Pompey's commercial manager Les Allen is the brother of Bournemouth goalkeeper Kenny. Les, who came from Crystal Palace, has played a key role in building up the club's commercial enterprises with the focus mainly on two successful lotteries.

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RECORD RECEIPTS: £27,412 v Bradford City, League Division Four, October 20, 1979.
LEAGUE RECORD: 1920 — original member of Division 3; 1921 — Division 3(S); 1924 — 27 Division 2; 1927 — 59 Division 1; 1959 — 61 Division 2; 1961 — 62 Division 3; 1962 — 76 Division 2; 1976 — 78 Division 3; 1978 — 80 Division 4.
HONOURS: League champions — 1948–49, 1949–50; Division 2 runners-up 1926–27; Division 3(S) champions 1923–24; Division 3 champions 1961–62; F.A. Cup winners 1939; F.A. Cup runners-up 1929, 1934.
RECORD VICTORY: 9–1 v Notts. County, Division 2, April 9, 1927.
RECORD DEFEAT: 0–10 v Leicester City, Division 1, October 20, 1928.
MOST LEAGUE POINTS: 65, Division 3, 1961–62.
MOST LEAGUE GOALS: 87,



Division 3(S) 1923–24; Division 2 1926–27; and Division 3 1961–62.
LEAGUE SCORING RECORD: Billy Haines, 40, Division 2, 1926–27.
MOST AGGREGATE GOALS: Peter Harris, 194, 1946–60.
MOST LEAGUE APPEARANCES: Jimmy Dickinson, 764, 1946–65.
MOST CAPPED PLAYER: Jimmy Dickinson, England, 48.
RECORD TRANSFER FEE RECEIVED: £130,000 from Brighton for Steve Foster, June 1979.
RECORD TRANSFER FEE PAID: £155,000 to Fulham for Paul Went, December, 1973.

How to get there

BY RAIL: Fratton station on main line from London Waterloo is just four minutes walk from the ground.

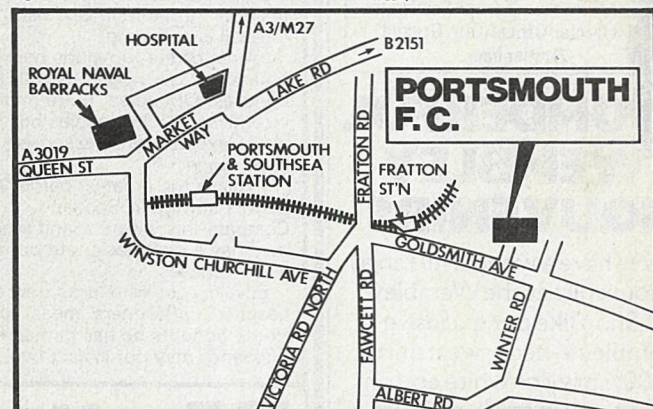
BY BUS: 17 and 18 from Portsmouth Harbour station and Gosport ferry terminal to the ground. Buses also from Portsmouth and Southsea station.

BY ROAD: From North and West — use M27 and M275 and at roundabout take second exit and in one-fifth of a mile at T road turn right, A2047, into London Road. In

1.3 miles go over railway bridge and turn left into Goldsmith Avenue. In three-fifths of a mile turn left into Frogmore Road for Portsmouth F.C.

From East — use A27 then follow signs Southsea A2030. In three miles at roundabout turn left A288. Then turn right into Priory Crescent then take next turning right into Carisbrooke Road for Portsmouth F.C.

(Road routes courtesy of The Supporter, available at 50p from 76 London Road, Salisbury, Wilts.)



JOE LAIDLAW was playing out the final days of his League career with Doncaster when Pompey manager Frank Burrows chose the stocky midfielder to lead the promotion charge.

The £15,000 fee has rekindled the spirit of the hard-working Geordie and now, as Pompey skipper, he's a dedicated figure



Joe Laidlaw.

in the Fratton Park revival.

Says Laidlaw: "I first realised Pompey's potential when they played at Doncaster last season. They impressed me very much but lacked a bit of aggression and I think that's why Frank Burrows bought me and Terry Brisley."

Laidlaw, with long spells at Middlesbrough and Carlisle behind him, has been a key goalscorer in a Pompey side who are the League's top scorers. With nine this season, he's now just one off the hundred for his League career.

But it's his driving quality in midfield that makes the Pompey machine tick over so well. Indeed, Laidlaw cannot be far off the mark when he says his partnership with Brisley and Steve Bryant is the best combination in the lower divisions.

He adds: "I must fancy us for promotion because there certainly aren't four teams consistently better than us in the Fourth Division."



Jimmy Dickinson.

It's no wonder Jimmy Dickinson fondly recalls the days when the famous Pompey chimes would boom out from more than 40,000 fans crowded into Fratton Park.

Those austere times just after the Second World War were the days that made Pompey great and will surely never be rivalled again.

After gaining promotion to Division One in 1927, Pompey emerged into the limelight with the shock 4–1 F.A. Cup Final win over Wolves in 1939.

Dickinson, now the club's chief executive, was a key figure in the side that won the championship in successive seasons between 1948 and 1950. He went on to win 48 England caps in the half-back line and made a record 764 appearances for Pompey.

He says: "It was tremendous playing in front of those big crowds."

"For a short period I think they were as dominant as Liverpool are today," says Mr. Dickinson. In 1949, we won the League easily and Manchester United and Wolves were good sides then.

But that great team soon broke up and Pompey, apart from a reasonably successful spell in Division Two during the 1960s, have been searching to recapture those halcyon days ever since.



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Jo's at the Crossroads

ICELANDER Johannes Edvaldsson has picked up two championship medals and one Scottish Cup medal in his four years with Celtic. He has also played in every position in the team except goal.

Right now his role in the high-flying Celtic side is a striker and his ability in the air has been bringing him a goal a game in recent matches.

Yet despite seeing success 'Shuggy' will not be around Celtic Park much longer as he explained in his slightly fractured English.

"I am now 29. I have played for my country 34 times and I have enjoyed my four years in Scotland," he says.

"But I feel that I am at the crossroads and want to move on either to the continent or North America in an effort to make my family financially secure.

"We keep hearing how great the financial success of the Premier League has been. That may be so but the players certainly do not share in it.

"I know players are never really satisfied but I am convinced the financial structure in Scottish football is all wrong.

"Most of the top clubs operate on a low basic wage but with high bonuses. Of course, there must be incentives to win trophies but not at the expense of a reasonable basic wage.

"This is the greatest barrier to players staying in Scotland. Compare this with England where they pay a high basic rate but also good bonuses."

Edvaldsson, who lacks only a League Cup Winners' medal to add to the honours he has gathered in Scotland, may not in fact be

Jo Edvaldsson

around long enough to pick one up.

Like a number of other top players — Aberdeen's Willie Miller for example — he is keeping his eye on the new freedom of contract deal, due to come into operation in time for the start of next season.

He will then be able to join the club of his choice and if they cannot agree on a fee this will be fixed by a committee of arbitration.

Added Jo: "This season I finished the option part of my contract and certainly I will take advantage of the freedom of

movement. For too long the players have been tied by agreements which work entirely in favour of the clubs."

Already several clubs from the continent have been showing interest in the versatile Iclander but it's more likely he will end up in North America.

FOOTNOTE: Rangers recently published balance sheet reveals what the top players earn in Scotland. In season 1978/79, ten first-team players earned between £10,000 and £12,500 — and that was a poor year for the Ibrox club!

What's up doc?

EDINBURGH referee Andrew Waddell, who recently handled the League Cup semi-final between Aberdeen and Morton, is a pathologist in Scotland's capital city.

In one recent match Andrew, in his second season on the Grade One list, called the trainer on to attend to an injured player.

As he bent over to look at the injury the trainer pushed the referee aside with the comment "What do you know about it?"

Andrew replied: "Well I am a doctor as well as a pathologist. Will that do?" Exit one trainer with a very red face.

You name it . . .

AIRDRIE's part-time striker John McVeigh works for an insurance company — and it's just as well.

John has missed at least half

of the last three seasons because of a variety of injuries. Ligaments, calf muscle, eye injury, elbow dislocation — you name it and he's had it.

Fortunately John's company specialise in policies for footballers who are out because of injury and he had the Saints take one out for himself.

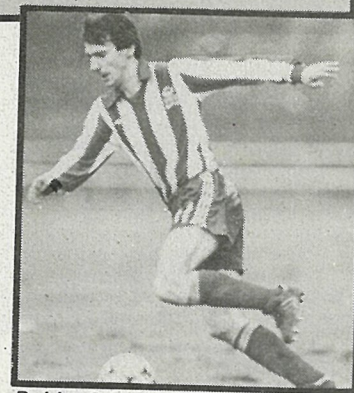
'Pick-me-up'

KILMARNOCK 'rewarded' their players for losing their League Cup quarter-final against Morton with a weekend at the luxury Turnberry Hotel where the caviar costs £18 a time.

"Actually the weekend had been arranged some time ago," explained manager Davie Sneddon. "It was the management's way of saying thank you to the players for all their hard work since the start of the season.

"Having lost in the penalty kick decider against Morton this was the best kind of pick-me-up we could have wished for."

The player who needed the break the most was winger Bobby Street whose penalty kick cracked off the crossbar to allow Morton to go through.



Bobby Street

Young's view of Best

HIBS' decision to play George Best on the left side of the midfield in his opening match against St. Mirren meant a busy afternoon for right-back John Young.

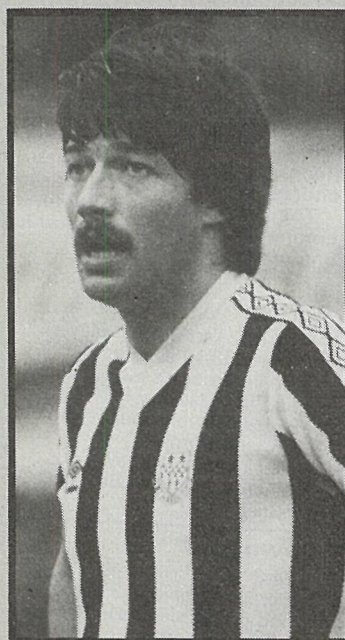
"I was that close to him I could have held hands," quips John who is 28-years-old and played for Falkirk and Hibs before joining Saints in 1974.

"Actually it was the second time I've played against Best. The first time was in an Anglo-Scottish match when he was with Fulham. The thing I noticed most was his lack of pace, but the skills and vision are still very much there.

"Frankly, I reckon that in five or six weeks time he could be back to peak fitness. I wouldn't like to play against him then."

Following his Scottish debut Best complained about the fiery tackling in the Premier League match.

Adds Young "He ain't seen nothing yet. Actually I think the referee protected him a bit. I've played in a lot of matches



John Young

where the tackling was a darn sight worse."

The presence of Best in Hibs' colours had the effect of doubling the gate to 13,670 — proof of the magical attraction of the talented Irishman.

And as well as TV cameras and radio microphones his return to competitive football attracted journalists from all over Europe.

It was all too much for the St. Mirren officials who were hard pushed to find seats for everyone in their somewhat primitive stand.

And there were some hectic scenes at the finish as journalists clashed with Saints' directors trying to bring order out of the chaos in the scramble to interview Best before he jetted back to London.

The man wearing the biggest grin of all was Hibs' millionaire chairman Tom Hart, who laid his money and his judgement on the line to sign up Best at £1,500 a match.



George Best slips Young on his Hibs' debut

Hibs' share of the drawings was a cheque for £5,500 so the wavered Irish genius is already more than paying his way.

Pals act

ST. JOHNSTONE's high scoring striker John Brogan knows a good centre-half when he sees one.

So when he suggested that Saints' boss Alex Stuart sign up his pal Danny Scullion the manager took his advice and signed the 22-year-old from junior club Peterhead.

"The centre-half spot had been causing a lot of concern and after failing to sign a number of established players I decided to give Danny his chance," said Alex.

A final year law student, Danny not surprisingly can also talk as well as play his way out of trouble.

Boys' trip

ALTHOUGH Scotland's youngsters finished third in the pro-youth Monaco tournament they've been invited back next year and are sure to accept. Danish youth coach, Lars Neilsen has also proposed that the Scotland and Sweden Under-18 sides should meet in Glasgow and Stockholm prior to next year's World Cup games. Scotland coach Andy Roxburgh says his boys were a credit to their clubs. Fifteen of them play in Scotland, only Colin Walsh of Nottm. Forest was the anglo in the squad.

Pat's bonus

FORMER Hib, Pat Stanton, now assistant manager at Aberdeen, is set to pick up more than £26,000 before very long. The money is the proceeds of his testimonial game held at Easter Road earlier this year. And it will be tax free!

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Steve's surprise

STEVE Murray has made the surprise comeback of the season with Dundee United.

Midfield player Murray, who is 33-years-old, quit playing for Celtic in 1976 because of a toe injury. He recently joined United as a scout and after playing a couple of games for the reserves suddenly found himself in the first-team squad.

Keep it clean boost

THE KEEP it clean campaign in the Scottish cup swings into action with the First Round proper on December 15.

Although the big guns are not involved in the tournament until the Third Round there is still a lot of money from the sponsorship which totals £140 for the entire tournament — provided the players behave themselves.

Just for getting through, from the North and South qualifying sections Broara Rangers and Spartans picked up the best part of £2,000 each which is big money to clubs as small as they are. Broara play in the Highland League and Spartans in the South of Scotland League.

In the First Round proper Spartans are at home to lowly Second Division Forfar. Broara get a bye to the Second Round when they meet Buckie Thistle, who also play in the Highland League.

Of the ties, the most intriguing is the clash between Second Division leaders Falkirk and Queen of the South who prop up the table.

And let's not forget little non-League side Annan Athletic from the borders, whose dreams of cup glory begin with a home tie against Stranraer.

In the keep it clean effort, the clubs stand to lose ten per cent of the sponsorship cash each time a player is booked and 20 per cent if one is ordered off.

The draw is: Cowdenbeath v Albion Rovers, Spartans v Forfar Athletic, Annan Athletic v Stranraer, East Stirling v Brechin City, Stenhousemuir v Queen's Park, Queen of the South v Falkirk.

The ties to be played December 15. The Second Round is on January 5.

FOOTNOTE: So proud were Broara to have won their first-ever major honour, the North of Scotland qualifying Cup. That all 16 players, with wives and girlfriends, are to be taken to Paris for a week-end at the expense of the club. The trip will probably take place during the winter shutdown when Dudgeon Park is closed because of ice and snow.

Haggart leads charge

HAVING being fired by Hearts and then involved in Scotland's disastrous World Cup venture John Haggart would have been forgiven for calling enough's enough.

Yet here he goes again — this time leading Falkirk's charge to the top of the Second Division and making them one of the top scoring sides in the country in the process.

Left-midfield player Paul Leetion provides the best example of Haggart's aggressive approach. Last season Leetion didn't score a single League goal. This time he is the leader with nine.

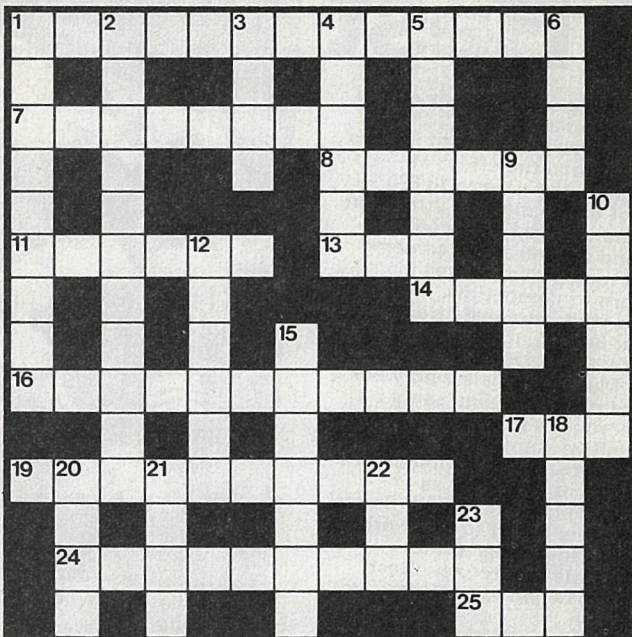
Says John: "When I joined the club I took a long hard look and decided the players already there had what it takes to win promotion.

"What I had to do was tighten up on discipline and get the attitude right. I think we are now on the way but I take it one game at a time."

Particularly satisfying for Haggart is the fact that the goals are coming from a number of different players — sweeper John Hay as well as strikers Donny McDowell and Joe McCallan.

And while crowds of around 3,000 leaves a lot of room for improvement it's still three times the Second Division average and more than most First Division clubs.

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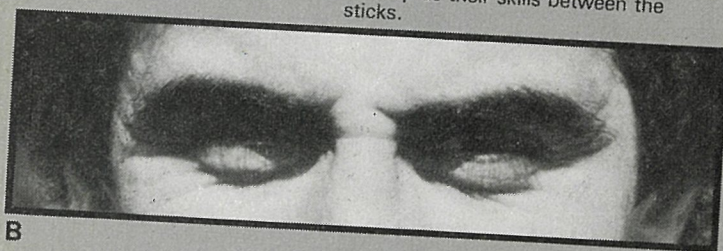
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PRIVATE EYES



A Finders keepers! These two pairs of eyes belong to famous goalies. Can you identify them? Turn to page 39 to find out whether your powers of observation are as sharp as their skills between the sticks.

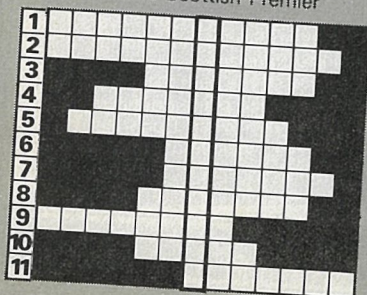


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CHASE THE CUP!

When you fill in the answers to these 11 football questions below, a famous trophy will be revealed.

1. The current Footballer of the Year, on the Continent.
2. This team has finished in third place in the Scottish Premier



3. This club are the 'Canaries' of the First Division.
4. The team Cosmos, in America, come from this city.
5. Where Aston play.
6. The current Scottish League champions.
7. Bob is the Manager of the Year.
8. Ally McLeod is now the . . . of Motherwell.
9. This England 'keeper used to play for Scunthorpe United.
10. What Birmingham City are known as.
11. Stoke City's nickname.

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THERE's a fabulous new prize for this week's crossword – a superb portable cassette radio player with three wavebands. And there are five top quality Candus Crown leather footballs as runner-up prizes.

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Across

1. Call Mr. Ted Sion to play for Spurs. (3,10 anagram)
7. Middlesbrough's £375,000 signing from Newcastle.
8. Toffeeman, previously with Q.P.R. and Burnley.
11. Our type of football.
13. Popular colour at Barnsley and Bristol City.

14. Scottish boss.

16. Soon Nat Rink will be found at The Hawthorns. (3,8 anagram)
17. This provides two points.
19. England squad man. (3,8)
24. European Cup Winners' Cup finalists in 1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78.
25. 'Match of the . . .'

Down

1. Division Four Rovers.
2. Sirrel's Magpies. (5,6)
3. and 6. Carlisle goalie (4,4)
4. Despite his name, he's part of the Barnsley line-up.
5. Turn Don Myss into a Norwich City defender. (anagram)
9. Q.P.R. marksman.
10. Burnley forward formerly with Wolves.

12. Try to ease and keep Everton in mind. (anagram)
15. One of Colchester's several Steves.
18. A Bournemouth defender who sounds a bit of a devil!
20. Famous Dutch club.
21. Everton striker who's played for both Manchester clubs.
22. Nickname for Q.P.R.'s boss.
23. Abbreviated United.

How's your soccer knowledge? Here's your chance to see how you square up to the man who this year won the title of BBC Radio Brain of Sport, Julian Pincher.

If you got all 20 correct, you too could be in the running for the Brain of Sport title! Between 10 and 20 correct – you're a pretty knowledgeable fan, well above average. Below 10 . . . keep practising – and read your **MATCH WEEKLY** every week!

1. Name the last Football League team to win a match this season.
2. Which player scored the most goals in the Scottish First Division last season?
3. Who in 1973 became the first-ever P.F.A. Footballer of the Year?
4. Who were the first winners of the European Cup?
5. Which Irishman scored an own goal in their 5-1 defeat by England in the European Championship?
6. Who scored the only Welsh goal in their 5-1 defeat by West Germany in the European Championship?
7. From which team did Southampton sign Dave Watson?
8. Name the New York Cosmos goalkeeper who played for Morton last season.
9. Which non-League club, who played in the First Round of the F.A. Cup, are managed by former England striker Ray Crawford?
10. Which show business personality recently joined the board of Birmingham City?
11. Name the managers of the following clubs: (a) Barnsley (b) Crewe (c) Aberdeen
12. Name the referee who when he postponed the England-Bulgaria match became the first referee to postpone a match at Wembley.
13. Which team lost in the final of the first-ever Inter Cities Fairs Cup?
14. Name the goalkeeper who broke his neck in an F.A. Cup final at Wembley.
15. Scotland's heaviest defeat was incurred during the 1954 World Cup. Which country beat them 7-0?
16. Pat Jennings is Northern Ireland's most capped player, whose record did he beat?
17. Who was the first substitute to be used in the Football League?
18. Which players only goal of the 1971/72 season came in the Football League Cup Final?
19. Which player scored two goals in this year's Charity Shield?
20. China played four games on their tour of Britain this summer, name the clubs they played against.

Answers on page 39.

The risk business

AN AGENT once tried to get me on a plane to Buenos Aires, look at a player and sign him. My answer to that little invitation was "Not on your life!"

It's never been my way of doing business over transfers, it's certainly not Peter Taylor's ... and as long as we are at Nottingham Forest it will not happen.

That's my answer to those people who are asking me, in the wake of Tony Woodcock's move to Cologne, whether or not I might move into Europe or South America for a player.

The risks are too high for my liking and although at some future date we might try and sign a foreign player it would only be when we were absolutely certain that it was the right move for Nottingham Forest Football Club.

We would go into the possibility of signing an overseas star exactly the same way we would a transfer on our own doorstep - thoroughly!

There is no way I would jump

on a plane to Buenos Aires or any other place you care to mention with the intention of signing a player if I liked what I saw on the evidence of 90 minutes.

Occasionally, of course, you do back your hunches - but not at the kind of prices you can be quoted.

Last season we met Swiss champions Grasshoppers, of Zürich, in the quarter-finals of the European Cup and on the evidence of the two matches I quite liked the look of one of their midfield players - a lad called Raimondo Ponte.

In both legs he looked to have a fair amount of skill and vision and at the time I thought he could have added to our midfield.

But when I got round to asking a few questions after the tie was over, Ponte immediately had a £500,000 price tag on his head. That was time for me to say goodnight.

At the time we didn't have that kind of money to spend - it was only at the end of the season when I was able to lay

out a similar sum for Asa Hartford - and to be honest I didn't have £½m. worth of interest in Ponte.

I would imagine that a lot of English managers have had a similar experience when they have fancied a player abroad.

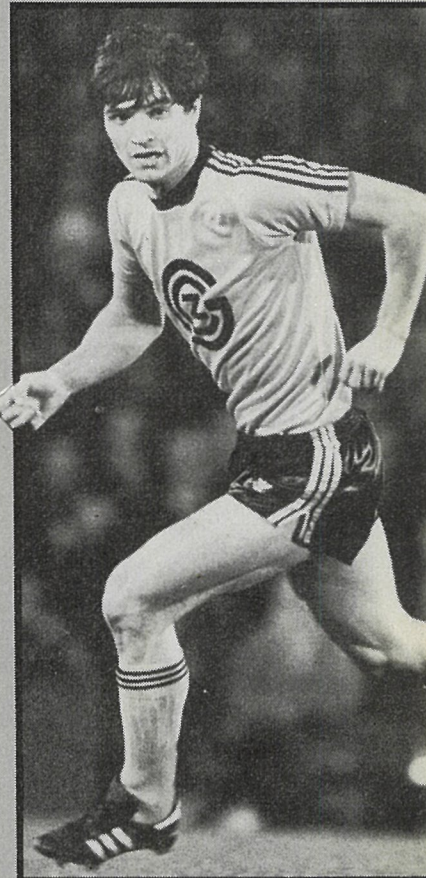
Peter Taylor is the best judge of a player I know but even he would be taking a risk on saying "Yes" to buying someone on the strength of seeing him in action once.

I'm not totally convinced, either, whether the deals that have gone through involving foreign players coming into England have been all that successful anyway.

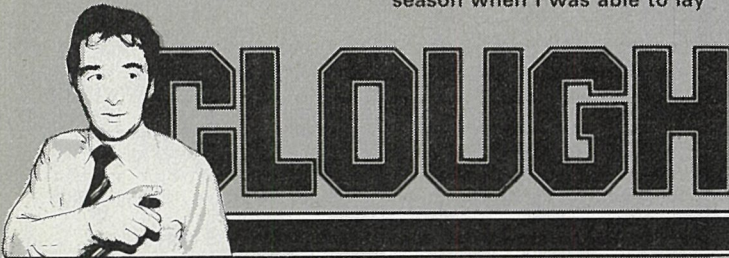
I know the two lads at Tottenham, Ardiles and Villa, have made a reasonable impression but I will be very interested to see whether they decide to stay on in England when their contracts run out.

Kazimierz Deyna at Manchester City has probably been as consistent as any of the foreigners although Bobby Robson might point out that he's had value out of his two Dutchmen.

There are, however, one or two others who haven't produced anything like what was expected of them. Look no further than Tarantini, who cost Birmingham a small fortune but who couldn't wait to get home again.



Raimondo Ponte - at one time I thought he could have added to our midfield at Forest.



Manchester City's Kaz Deyna and his wife Mariola all tied up at Maine Road. Deyna has been as consistent as any of the foreign imports.

Brian Clough



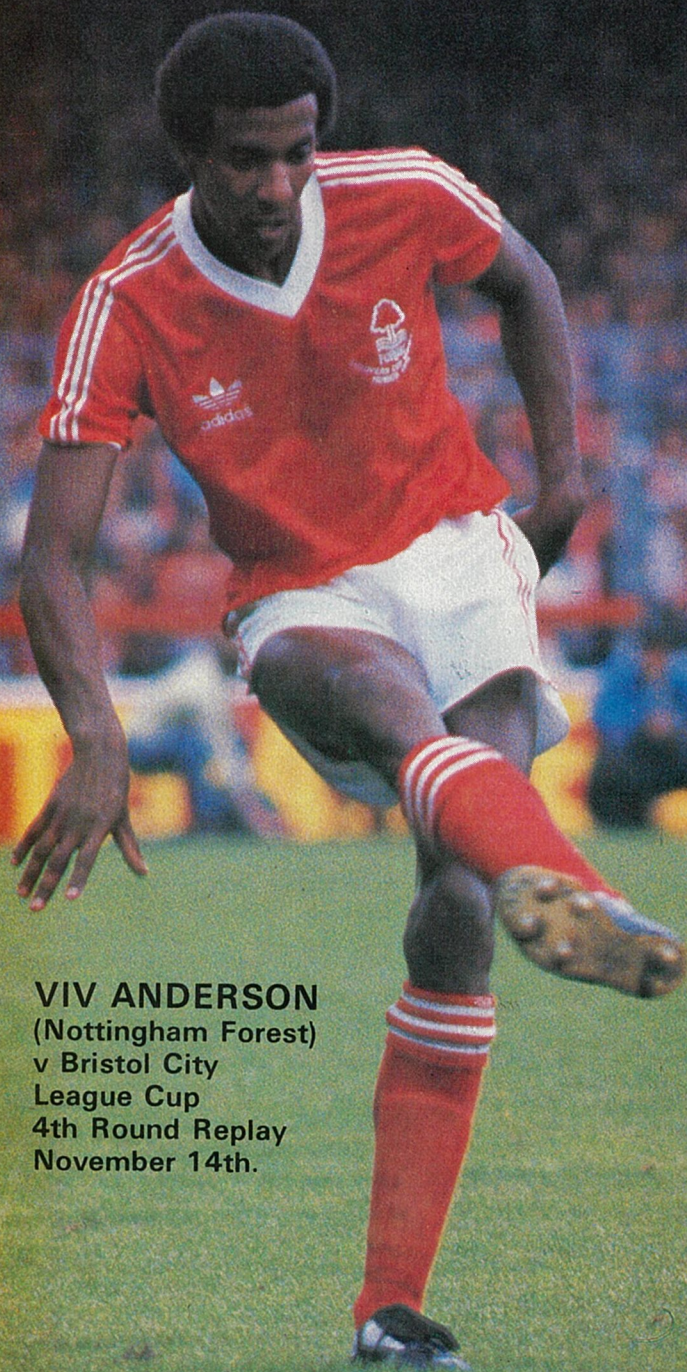
Two imports together - Osvaldo Ardiles (left) and Alberto Tarantini. The latter couldn't wait to get home to Argentina ... what of Ardiles when his contract runs out?



GOLDEN GOALS



Forest's Viv Anderson volleys the ball past Bristol City defender Allan Hay to score Forest's second goal.



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v Bristol City
League Cup
4th Round Replay
November 14th.

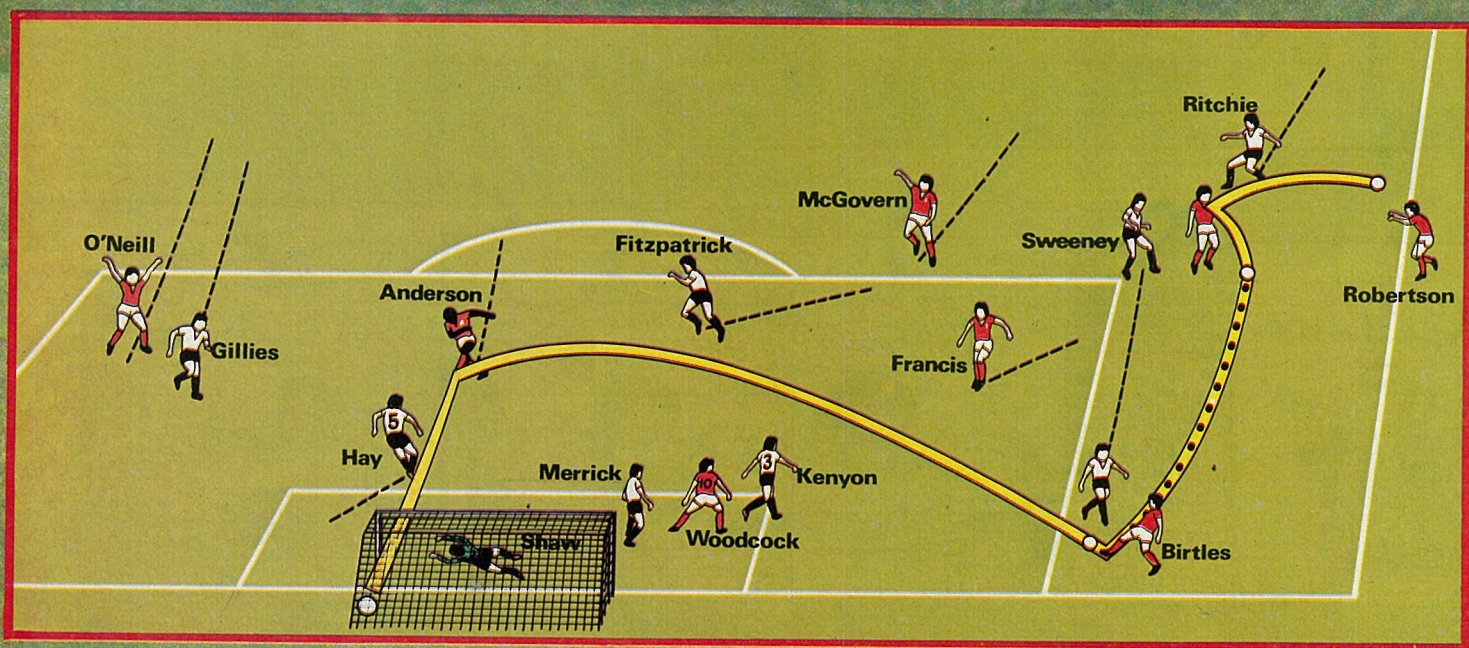
SPECTACULAR goals have become something of a trademark for Nottingham Forest's England full-back Viv Anderson.

Encouraged by Forest manager Brian Clough to get into attacking positions, his adventures have led to explosive efforts like the ones last season against A.E.K. Athens in the European Cup and Everton in the League Cup.

In the match against Bristol City which Forest won 3-0 the ball found its way to Garry Birtles deep on the left and he crossed into the area. When the ball came to Anderson on the volley his anticipation and timing accounted for a left-foot drive that hurtled into the net.

Anderson told MATCH WEEKLY: "I was in the middle of the park when I saw Garry with the ball out on the left. I saw him go to dummy a defender and get away from him. At the same time I seemed to be getting nearer and nearer their goal.

"When Garry's cross came over I had a bit of space in the box and I could see the ball coming to me. Although it was falling on my left foot - the one I use for standing on - I thought I would give it a try and naturally I was delighted to see it hit the back of the net."



No to U-21 idea

NORTHERN Ireland is unlikely to accept an invitation to compete in a new European Under-21 competition, to be run parallel with the World Cup. The reason — difficulty in finding digs and availability of players of top calibre.

"We are examining the position, but many problems are involved in such a project," said an Irish F.A. spokesman.

Northern Ireland's only match at this level was staged two seasons ago against the Republic. It proved highly beneficial with six players in the side eventually transferred to cross-channel clubs.

Irish League President, Jimmy Apperson, will approach Scotland early in the New Year with a request they keep their promise to play in Belfast before May. Originally this fixture was planned for October, but tension after the Mountbatten murder caused its postponement.

The Inter-League series between the countries, abandoned because of Ulster's political unrest, was resumed at Motherwell last season.

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HUGH Dowd, the former Sheffield Wednesday centre-back, has been given the captaincy of Doncaster Rovers. A move which has given his performance a 100 per cent lift. So much so he hopes to regain his



AT WINDSOR Park, Belfast, Linfield won the Northern Ireland Cup last week with a 2-1 defeat of Ballymena United. In our picture above, Sam McQuiston scores for Ballymena, despite the challenge of Linfield's Terry Hayes.

Over 11,000 watched the game and saw McCurdy and Feeney grab Linfield's winners.

BOTTOM PIC: Action in the Linfield goalmouth as Ballymena search for an equaliser.



Northern Ireland international place.

"I am keeping my fingers crossed the new manager will again include me in his plans," says Hugh.

No early developments are expected in the appointment of a manager to succeed Danny Blanchflower. Billy Bingham and Martin Harvey, of Carlisle, could be favourites.

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FULHAM are the latest English club to show an interest in Ballymena United's teenage midfielder Tony McCall. United have previously rejected offers from several managers to take him on trial. Fulham, however, would be prepared to enter straight transfer negotiation.

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CLIFTONVILLE, now approaching the end of their centenary year, are still hoping to arrange a glamour fixture to celebrate the occasion. Even if it has to be staged in 1980.

Arsenal were, of course, due to play in Belfast last August but had to withdraw from the trip because of the Charity Shield match against Liverpool at Wembley.

Club officials have made inquiries with a number of leading English sides, but there could be difficulty with such a congested programme.

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Big George a bargain

CAMBRIDGE United reckon they have got the buy of the season in £140,000 centre-forward George Reilly.

The big fellow — all 12 stone, 6ft 2ins of him — was signed from Northampton last month and has proved his worth in the four games he has played.

United boss John Docherty said following his team's shock 2-1 defeat of QPR: "With George coming out of the Fourth Division into the Second, I was prepared to give him a little time to settle in. But he has done a great job for us right from the start.

"Of course you expect a big fellow like him to do well in the air — but he's also doing it when the ball is on the ground.

"And if he's not scoring himself he's making goals for others."

United's scoring ace Alan Biley — 22 goals last season — had only scored two goals before the arrival of 23-year-old Reilly. He has scored three goals in the five games since then.

Kevin gets the vote

ENGLAND captain and Match Weekly columnist Kevin Keegan has been voted European Footballer of the Year by a top soccer magazine.

Kevin received the accolade after a nationwide poll among the readers of the French magazine Onze. He received a massive 71 per cent of the votes.

"I won it the year before last, but not as convincingly as this," said Kevin. "I'm delighted. It's nice to receive any award, but especially so when it comes from the supporters themselves."

The award was another high point in a season which has suddenly come good for Kevin after a difficult start. He has scored five goals for Hamburg in six league games — plus two against Tbilisi, Liverpool's conquerors in the European Cup.

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Interesting Match Facts

NOW that one-third of the season has passed, I thought readers might be interested in the following League table I have compiled.

By adding up the individual players' marks in the *Match Facts* for every game, I have an average 'team total' per match. The figure in brackets is the actual League position of the club.

As you can see actual League leaders Manchester United can only manage 12th place in my League.

TABLE (up to and including Saturday, November 3)				
	Pld.	Highest Total	Ave per Match	
Liverpool (3)	13	85	77.8	
Wolves (8)	13	82	76.5	
C. Palace (4)	14	82	75.9	
M'boro (9)	14	84	75.4	
Norwich (5)	14	82	74.5	
Aston Villa (10)	13	79	74.4	
Nottm. F. (2)	14	80	74.3	
Bristol C. (11)	14	83	73.9	
Everton (18)	13	82	73.6	
Stoke City (14)	14	82	73.6	
Man. C. (16)	14	85	73.5	
Man. U. (1)	14	81	73.2	
Arsenal (6)	14	81	73.1	
W. B. A. (12)	14	83	72.9	
Spurs (7)	14	85	72.3	
Ipswich (20)	14	76	72.2	
Coventry (15)	14	85	72.1	
Sh'ampton (13)	13	81	71.5	
Brighton (22)	13	79	70.8	
Leeds (17)	13	76	70.1	
Bolton (21)	14	75	69.3	
Derby (19)	14	76	68.9	

I will up-date the League later in the season. Keep up the good work on *MATCH WEEKLY*.

Ian Bailey (aged 18), Burbage, Hinckley, Leicestershire.

Cost solution?

WITH costs increasing every season, wouldn't it make sense to revert to the old system of the Third Division North and South? It is ludicrous that Carlisle have to travel to Exeter or Torquay to Darlington. The level of competition wouldn't really suffer and with more 'local' interest gates would improve.

John Hyland (aged 10), Sittingbourne Milton, Kent.

Step up

AS A goalkeeper, I should know the three-step rule better than most. All of my friends who are goalkeepers, and some who are not, think we should be allowed at least four or five steps.

As the rule stands at present, it amounts to one step to gain balance, the second to gain momentum and the third has to be used to get into position, whichever foot you use to kick the ball. This means the third step is really a hop.

The extra one or two steps would enable the 'keeper to gain better balance and thus giving him more time to control the kick. A four-step rule would not harm the game.

Dominic Green, Tunstall, Staffs.

TERRACE TALK

T.V. Times . . .

I AM writing to complain about the times football is screened on television. BBC's 'Match of the Day' comes on at 10.10 p.m. most Saturdays which is far too late for any children who want to watch.

ITV's 'Match of the Week' is on at an ideal time – but any European Cup games are again televised far too late in the evenings. Why not hold 'Match of the Day' and the European games and put them on the following night to give us a chance to see them. What do you think?

Mark Dring (aged 12), Old Basford, Nottingham.

Case for inquiry

WHAT a disgusting display of photographs the national press greeted us with after the Liverpool – Everton game. Merseyside should hang its head in shame.

These incidents, and other similar ones so far this season, prompted me to suggest a full F.A. inquiry into the state of the English game. We have had hooliganism, players and managers speaking out on TV, referees being continually insulted and now scraps on the field of play.

As I see it, the game is slipping from our grasp and may, sooner than we think, cease to exist as we know it.

Chris Blomeley, Manchester.

• We doubt whether an F.A. inquiry would come up with anything we don't already know. Chris – that standards of behaviour have slipped all round, and not just in people connected with football.

United Irish

THERE has often been a cry for a 'united' Ireland side – and why not? There's no doubt an all-Ireland side, combining the best players from Northern Ireland and Eire, would be a powerful force and would enhance the country's chances of qualifying for World Cup tournaments.

With players like O'Leary, Brady, Jennings, Heighway, McIlroy, Givens, etc., a 'united' Ireland side could challenge any team in the world.

B. McNeill, Jarrow, Tyne and Wear.



Standing room

ALTHOUGH I'm aware of the amount of hooliganism, I feel that the question of all-seat stadiums is OUT.

I can't think of anything worse than to watch a football match sitting down behind the goal. The idea is stupid. Many supporters may reject the seating idea and stay at home because half the fun of the match for them is to stand, sway, jump up and down, get pushed around and to shout their hardest at the lads playing. How can they do all this sitting down?

As a regular supporter of Liverpool, I for one know that the average Koppites want things kept the way they are here.

C. Swynnerton, London NW.

Thanks, United

I WANT to tell you about a very exciting day I had in April. Without telling me, my mum wrote to Manchester United – my favourite football club – asking Dave Sexton if I could meet the players at the Tottenham Hotspur game.

About a week later my mum surprised me with a letter written by Dave Sexton saying I could meet the players. When I went I was able to talk to the players as well as getting their autographs – which made it a really great day out for me.

I must also say *MATCH WEEKLY* is a fabulous magazine and I have enjoyed every issue. Paul Lewis (aged 13), Aylesbury, Bucks.

Join forces

WHY don't the Football League combine the Four Divisions with the three Leagues in Scotland. It would make both the League and the F.A. Cup far more exciting.

Iain Smith, St. Helens, Merseyside.

Want to swap?

I WOULD like to give you a pat on the back for producing such a fabulous magazine. I have every issue of *MATCH WEEKLY* apart from issue No. 2.

I wonder if anyone would be interested in swapping a Nottingham Forest scarf and 20 metal football badges (mostly First Division) for issue No. 2 of *MATCH WEEKLY* plus anything to do with Manchester City.

Stephen Aherne (aged 13), 39 Shayfield Road, Benchill, Wythenshawe, Manchester 22 7LD.

Missing out

I CAN never understand why people leave soccer matches before the end of a game. Sometimes I have seen them leave at least 15 minutes before the game finished! I just wonder if these people leave the cinema before the end of a film.

Carl Shaw, Widnes, Cheshire.

Friday fact

I ENJOY watching live football but because the nearest team to my home plays most of their games at 7.30 p.m. on Friday nights I am unable to get to the games.

Southend – the nearest professional team – don't get very big crowds, but I am sure that if they switched their home games to Saturday afternoons more people would go.

Children around the age of 10 and 11 do not enjoy coming home from a game at around 9.00 p.m., because they are cold and tired, and adults surely don't enjoy rushing home from work, hurrying over their food and rushing out again.

Simon White, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.

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- 10 — Out of this world
- 9 — Outstanding
- 8 — Excellent
- 7 — Good
- 6 — Adequate
- 5 — Off form
- 4 — Poor

Match ratings

- ★★★★★ A classic
- ★★★★ Good value
- ★★★ Satisfactory
- ★★ Dull
- ★ Waste of money

Wednesday, Nov. 28

UEFA CUP

Third Round, First Leg

DIOSGYORI MISCOLC (Hungary) 0
FC KAISERLAUTERN (W. Germany) 2 (Wendt 14, Bongartz 54)
 Att: 20,000

BORUSSIA MOENCHENGLADBACH (W. Germany) 2 (Nickel 10, 75)
UNIVERSITY CRAIOVA (Rumania) 0
 Att: 20,000

STANDARD LIEGE (Belgium) 1 (Voordeckers 6)
ZBROJOVKA BRNA (Czech) 2 (Svoboda 60, Dosek 85)
 Att: 30,000

ST ETIENNE (France) 4 (Platini 14, Lsrios 46, Lopez 54, Roussey 78)
ARIS SALONIKA (Greece) 1 (Semerdzidis 35)
 Att: 35,000

EINTRACHT FRANKFURT (W. Germany) 4 (Cha 20, Nickel 31, Mueller 57, Lottermann 60)
FEYENOORD (Holland) 1 (Safleu 86)
 Att: 40,000

BAYERN MUNICH (W. Germany) 2 (Rummenigge 51, Janzon 68)
RED STAR BELGRADE (Yugoslavia) 0
 Att: 42,000

LOKOMOTIV SOFIA (Bulgaria) 1 (Mikhailov 39)
DYNAMO KIEV (Russia) 0

GRASSHOPPERS ZURICH (Switzerland) 0
VFB STUTTGART (W. Germany) 2 (Klotz 14, Havewicz 79)
 Att: 31,000

Tuesday, Dec. 4

LEAGUE CUP Quarter-final

ARSENAL (1) 1 (Sunderland, pen 8)
SWINDON (0) 1 (Tucker 83)
 Att: 38,024

Arsenal: Jennings 7, ★DEVINE 8, Nelson 6, Talbot 6, O'Leary 7, Walford 7, Gattling 6, Sunderland 6, Stapleton 6, Price 6, Rix 6.
Swindon: Allan 6, Lewis 7, Ford 6, ★McHALE 9, Carter 6, Stroud 6, Miller 7, Kamara 7, Rowland 7, Mayes 7, Williams 6.
Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★★

GRIMSBY (0) 0
WOLVES (0) 0
 Att: 23,115
Grimsbey: Batch 6, Stone 6, Moore, K 7, Waters 6, ★WIGGINTON 8, Crombie 7, Brolly 6, Ford 6, Drinkell 6, Mitchell 5, Cumming 6.
Wolves: Bradshaw 6, Palmer 6, Parkin 6, ★DANIEL 8, Hughes 7, Berry 7, Hibbitt 5, Carr 5, Gray 6, Richards 6, Eves 6.
Referee: P. Partridge (Middlesbrough)
Match Rating: ★★★

Wednesday, Dec. 5

LEAGUE CUP Quarter-final

NORWICH (1) 1 (Reeves 42)
LIVERPOOL (3) 3 (Johnson 11, 29, Dalglish 36)
 Att: 23,278
Norwich: Keelan 6, Bond 6, Downs 7, Mendham 7, Hoadley 6, Powell 7, McGuire 6, ★REEVES 8, Robson 6, Paddon 7, Peters 7.
Liverpool: Clemence 7, Neal 7, Kennedy, A 6, Thompson 7, Kennedy, R 7, Hansen 7, Dalglish 8, Case 7,

WEST HAM (0) 0
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 0
 Att: 35,856
West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 5, Lampard 6, Bonds 7, Martin 6, Holland 6, Allen 6, Pearson 6, Cross 6, ★BROOKING 8, Devonshire 7.
Nottm Forest: ★SHILTON 8, Anderson 6, Gray 7, Bowyer 6, Lloyd 6, Burns 7, O'Neill 6, O'Hare 5, Birtles 6, Francis 6, Robertson 7.
Referee: A. W. Gray (Gt. Yarmouth)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Four

ROCHDALE (0) 2 (Hilditch 74, Taylor 84)
ALDERSHOT (0) 1 (Needham 70)
 Att: 1,233
Rochdale: ★WATSON 8, Hart 6, Snookes 7, Taylor 7, Waldron 7, Bannon 6, Esser 7, Wann 6, Seal 7, O'Laughlin 6, Hilditch 6 (sub. Jones).
Aldershot: Johnson 6, Scott 7, Wooller 7, Dixon 6, ★BENNETT 8, Jopling 7, Crosby 6, Brodie 6, French 7, Needham 7, McGregor 6.
Referee: T. Farley (Durham)
Match Rating: ★★★

★JOHNSON 9, McDermott 7, Souness 7.
Referee: C. White (Harrow)
Match Rating: ★★★

Friday, Dec. 7

Division Three

COLCHESTER (1) 1 (Lee 16)
CARLISLE (0) 1 (Beardsley 81)
 Att: 4,104
Colchester: Walker 6, ★COOK 8, Packer 6, Leslie 6, Wignall 6, Dowman 6, Hodge 7, Gough 6, Foley 7, Lee 7, Allinson 7.
Carlisle: Swinburne 6, Hoolickin 7, Winstanley 6, McDonald 6, Ludlam 6, Parker 7, McVitie 6, ★BONNYMAN 8, Bannon 6 (sub. Beardsley 7), Hamilton 7, Staniforth 7.
Referee: C. Downey (Hounslow)
Match Rating: ★★★

SOUTHEND (1) 4 (Parker 41, 72, 77, Hadley 69)
CHESTER (1) 1 (Rush 18)
 Att: 3,885
Southend: Cawston 6, Dudley 5, Hull 5, Stead 6, Moody 6, Hadley 7, Morris 7, Pountney 7, ★PARKER 8, Otulakowski 7, Nelson 6 (sub. Franklin 6).
Chester: Millington 5, Rayner 6, Walker 5, Storton 6, Cottam 6, Oakes 6, ★SUTCLIFFE 8, Jones 6, Rush 7, Phillips 7, Henderson 7.
Referee: D. V. Reeves (Uxbridge)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Four

CREWE (0) 0
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0
 Att: 1,974
Crewe: Felgate 6, Wilkinson 5, Bowlers 6, Hunter 7, Scott 7, ★PROFITT 8, Lewis 7, Guy 6,

Chesters 5 (sub. Davies 6), Bevan 6, Nelson 6.
Bournemouth: Allen 7, Cunningham 6, Ferns 6, Impy 7, Townsend 6, Chambers 7, Holder 6, MacDougall 6, Butler 6, ★EVANSON 8, Miller 6.
Referee: G. P. Owen (Anglesey)
Match Rating: ★★★

PORT VALE (0) 1 (Chamberlain 71)
STOCKPORT (1) 2 (Sherlock 7, Sword 57)
 Att: 2,799
Port Vale: Dance 7, Keenan 7, Griffiths 6, Beech 6, Delgado 6, Bentley 7, Jones 6 (sub. Farrell 7), ★CHAMBERLAIN 8, Wright 7, Bromage 6, Tully 7.
Stockport: Lawson 8, Rutter 6, Sherlock 8, Henson 7, Czuczman 8, Fogarty 7, Lovell 6, ★BRADD 9, Sword 7, Chapman 6, Galvin 7.
Referee: C. L. Newsome (Broseley)
Match Rating: ★★★

ROCHDALE v DONCASTER —
Match Postponed

Saturday, Dec. 8

Division One

ARSENAL (2) 3 (Stapleton 22, Sunderland 26, O'Leary 69)
COVENTRY (1) 1 (Gooding 27)
 Att: 27,562
Arsenal: Jennings 7, Devine 7, Nelson 6 (sub. Gattling 6), Talbot 7, O'Leary 7, Walford 6, Brady 7, Sunderland 7, Stapleton 7, ★HOLLINS 8, Rix 7.
Coventry: Sealey 6, Coop 7, McDonald 6, Gooding 7, Holton 7, Gillespie 6, ★HUTCHISON 8, Wallace 7, Ferguson 7, Blaire 6, Bannister 6.
Referee: T. D. Spencer (Wiltshire)
Match Rating: ★★★

ASTON VILLA (0) 1 (Little 56)
LIVERPOOL (0) 3 (Kennedy, R 55, Hansen 60, McDermott 64)
 Att: 41,160
Aston Villa: Rimmer 7, Swain 6, Pejic 6, Evans 6, McNaught 7, Bullivant 6 (sub. Gibson 6), Bremner 7, ★**LITTLE 8**, Geddis 5, Cowans 6, Shaw 7.
Liverpool: Clemence 7, Neal 7, Kennedy, A 7, Thompson 7.
 ★**KENNEDY, R 9**, Hansen 7, Dalglish 7, Case 7, Johnson 6, McDermott 8, Souness 7.
 Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

BRISTOL CITY (0) 1 (Ritchie, pen 86)
SPURS (1) 3 (Miller 20, Hoddle 73, 89)
 Att: 25,093
Bristol City: Shaw 6, Sweeney 6, Whitehead 6, Gow 6, Rodgers 6.
 ★**MERRICK 8**, Fitzpatrick 6, Tainton 6, Royle 5, Garland 6, Meyer 5 (sub. Ritchie 6).
Spurs: Daines 7, Hughton 6, Miller 7, Pratt 6, Smith 6, Perryman 6.
 ★**ARDILES 8**, Jones 6, Lee 7, Hoddle 7, Villa 7.
 Referee: D. Letts (Basingstoke)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 1 (Walsh 42)
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 0
 Att: 34,782
Palace: Burrige 7, Hinshelwood 7, Sansom 6, Nicholas 8, Cannon 8, Gilbert 7, ★**MURPHY 9**, Francis, G 7, Walsh 7, Swindlehurst 7, Hilaire 8.
Nottm Forest: Shilton 5, Anderson 6, Gray 6, Bowyer 5, Lloyd 6, Burns 6, O'Neill 7, O'Hare 6, Birtles 6.
 ★**FRANCIS, T 8**, Robertson 6.
 Referee: A. Robinson (Waterlooville)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

DERBY (0) 0
NORWICH (0) 0
 Att: 15,381
Derby: McKellar 6, Langan 7, Buckley 6, Daly 5, ★**WEBB 8**, Osgood 6, Emery 5, Powell 6, Duncan 6, Davies 6, Rioch 5.
Norwich: Keelan 6, Ryan 6, Downs 7, Mendham 6, Brown 6, Jones 6, Robson 6, Reeves 6 (sub. McGuire 6), Fashanu 7, Paddon 5, ★**PETERS 8**.
 Referee: P. Tyldesley (Stockport)
 Match Rating: ★★

EVERTON (2) 2 (King 15, Kidd 34)
BRIGHTON (0) 0
 Att: 23,534
Everton: Hodge 7, Gidman 7, ★**BAILEY 9**, Wright 7, Higgins 7, Ross 8, Hartford 7, Stanley 8, Latchford 7, Kidd 8, King 8.
Brighton: ★**MOSELEY 8**, Gregory 6, Williams 6, Horton 6, Foster 7, Suddaby 7, Ryan 7, Ward 7, Clarke 7, Lawrenson 7, O'Sullivan 6.
 Referee: G. Nolan (Stockport)
 Match Rating: ★★

IPSWICH (3) 4 (Gates 12, 15, 54, Mills 8)
MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0
 Att: 18,221
Ipswich: Sivell 7, Burley 7, Butcher 8, Thijssen 8, Osman 6, Beattie 7 (sub. McCall), Wark 8, Muhren 8, Mariner 7, ★**GATES 9**, Mills 8.
Man City: Corrigan 7, Ranson 6, Power 6, ★**BENNETT 8**, Caton 7, Booth 6, Henry 7, Daley 6, Robinson 7, Viljoen 7, Palmer 7.
 Referee: J. Martin (Alton)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 1 (Thomas 54)
LEEDS (1) 1 (Connor 22)
 Att: 57,478
Man Utd: Bailey 7, Nicholl 6, Grimes 6, ★**McILROY 8**, Moran 7, Buchan 7, Coppell 6, Wilkins 6, Jordan 7, Macari 6, Thomas 6.
Leeds: Lukic 7, Cherry 6, Stevenson 6, Hamson 7, Hart 7, Greenhoff 7, ★**GRAY 8**, Hird 6, Connor 6 (sub. Harris 6), Curtis 6, Graham 6.
 Referee: P. Partridge (Bishop Auckland)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0
SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Williams 15)



Eric Gates . . . three goals in the 4-0 rout by Ipswich of Manchester City.

Att: 15,469
Middlesbrough: Platt 7, Craggs 7, Peters 7, ★**NATTRASS 8**, Ashcroft 6 (sub. Hedley 7), McAndrew 6, Cochrane 7, Proctor 7, Hodgson 6, Jankovic 6, Armstrong 7.
Southampton: ★**WELLS 8**, Golac 7, Peach 7, Williams 7, Watson 6, Nicholl 6, Ball 7, Boyer 6, Channon 7, Holmes 7, Hebbard 6.
 Referee: D. Owen (Wirral)
 Match Rating: ★★

STOKE (2) 3 (Crooks 6, 14, 82)
WBA (1) 2 (Regis 34, Barnes, pen 53)
 Att: 18,865
Stoke: Jones 8, Evans 6, Johnson 6, Richardson 6, Dodd 7, Doyle 7, Heath 7, Irvine 6 (sub. Busby), O'Callaghan 8, ★**CROOKS 9**, Randall 7.
WBA: Godden 7, Batson 7, Pendrey 6, Mills 7, Wile 6, Robertson 6, Treweek 6, Brown 6, ★**REGIS 8**, Owen 7 (sub. Deehan 6), Barnes 7.
 Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

WOLVES (2) 3 (Gray 11, 71, Walsh, og 20)
BOLTON (0) 1 (Whatmore 81)
 Att: 20,164
Wolves: Bradshaw 6, Palmer 7, Parkin 7, Daniel 6, Hughes 7, Berry 7, Hibbitt 7, Carr 7, ★**GRAY 8**, Richards 7, Eves 7.
Bolton: McDonagh 6, Allardyce 5, Nicholson 6, Greaves 5, Jones 5, ★**WALSH 7**, Morgan 6, Whatmore 6, Carter 5, Cantello 6, Burke 5.
 Referee: B. Stevens (Stonehouse)
 Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

BURNLEY (1) 1 (Burke 40)
WATFORD (0) 0
 Att: 8,559
Burnley: Stevenson 6, Arins 6, Brennan 7, Burke 6, Overson 7, Dixon 6 (sub. Scott 6), James 7.
 ★**DOBSON 8**, Hamilton 6, Young 5, Smith 6.
Watford: Steele 7, Henderson 6, Harrison 6, Booth 6, Bolton 6, Garner 6, Pollard 6 (sub. Pritchell 6), Blissett 7, Mercer 5, Train 7, ★**ROSTRON 8**.
 Referee: P. Willia (Meadowfield, Co. Durham)
 Match Rating: ★★



Garth Crooks . . . hat-trick in Stoke's 3-2 defeat of West Brom.

FULHAM (2) 2 (Guthrie 3, Gale 16)
SHREWSBURY (1) 1 (Keay, pen 29)
 Att: 5,337
Fulham: Digweed 6, Peters 4, Strong 6, Money 6, Hatter 6, Gale 6, Greenaway 6, Beck 7, ★**GUTHRIE 8**, Lock 6, Davies 7.
Shrewsbury: Mulhearn 6, King 6, Larkin 6, Lindsay 6, Griffin 6, Keay 6, Tong 6, ★**ATKINS 7**, Chapman 5 (sub. Biggins 6), Dungworth 6, Maguire 6.
 Referee: J. Sewell (Leicester)
 Match Rating: ★★

LEICESTER (0) 2 (Henderson 46, Goodwin 80)
ORIENT (1) 2 (Mayo 44, Margerrison 78)
 Att: 16,303
Leicester: Wallington 7, Williams 7, Rofe 6, ★**WELSH 8**, May 7, O'Neill 6, Lineker 7, Henderson 6, Young 6, Byrne 6 (sub. Goodwin 7), Smith 6.
Orient: Day 6, Fisher 6, Roffey 7, Taylor 7, Gray 6, Moores 6, ★**CHIEDOZIE 8**, Hughton 6, Mayo 7, Jennings 5 (sub. Margerrison 6), Coates 7.
 Referee: T. L. Morris (Leeds)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

LUTON (1) 1 (Moss 14)
NEWCASTLE (0) 1 (Rafferty 65)
 Att: 14,845
Luton: Findlay 7, Stephens 6, Donaghy 6, Greulich 7, Saxby 7, Price 6, Hill 6, West 7, Stein 6, Hutton 7, ★**MOSS 9**.
Newcastle: Hardwick 6, Brownlie 7, Carney 6, Martin 7 (sub. Connolly 7), Barton 7, Boam 8, Shoulder 7, Cartwright 7, Withe 8, Rafferty 7, ★**HIBBITT 9**.
 Referee: D. Vickers (Ilford)
 Match Rating: ★★

NOTTS COUNTY (1) 1 (O'Brien, pen 40)
BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 (Lynex 30)
 Att: 11,383
Notts County: Avramovic 6, Richards 7, O'Brien 6, Hunt 6, ★**STUBBS 8**, Blockley 7, McCullough 5, Masson 6, Hooks 5 (sub. Christie), Beavon 6, Mair 7.
Birmingham: Wealands 7, Broadhurst 6, Dennis 6, Curbishley 7, Gallagher 7, Todd 8, Lynex 7, Worthington 5.

Bertschin 5, ★**DILLON 9**, Ainscow 6.
 Referee: P. J. Richardson (Lincoln)
 Match Rating: ★★

OLDHAM (1) 1 (Stainrod 10)
CHELSEA (0) 0
 Att: 10,217
Oldham: McDonnell 6, Wood 6, Holt 7, Kowenicki 7, ★**CLEMENTS 8**, Hurst 7, Valentine 6, Keegan 6, Steel 6, Stainrod 7, Atkinson 6.
Chelsea: Borota 6, Locke 6, Wilkins 6, Bumstead 6, Droy 7, Chivers 6, ★**BRITTON 8**, Fillery 6, Frost 6, Walker 7, Harris 7.
 Referee: G. Tyson (Sunderland)
 Match Rating: ★★

PRESTON (0) 2 (Bruce 56, Elliott 82)
CAMBRIDGE (0) 2 (Biley 60, 74)
 Att: 7,585
Preston: Tunks 8, Taylor 8, Wilson 7, Burns 7, Baxter 7, O'Riordan 6, Bell 8, Haslegrave 7, Elliott 8, McGee 6 (sub. Coleman 7), ★**BRUCE 9**.
Cambridge: Webster 7, Calderwood 7, Smith 7, Turner 8, Fallon 7, O'Neill 8, ★**BILEY 9**, Spriggs 7, Reilly 7, Gibbins 7, Murray 7.
 Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

QPR (0) 2 (Goddard 53, 65)
WREXHAM (1) 2 (Edwards 14, Vinter 51)
 Att: 11,652
QPR: Woods 7, Shanks 6, Gillard 6, McCreery 7, Hazell 7, Wicks 6, Bowles 6, Roeder 6 (sub. Currie 7), Allen 7, ★**GODDARD 8**, Hill, G 6.
Wrexham: Davies 6, Darracott 7, Dwyer 6, Davis 7, Jones 7, Fox 6, Vinter 7, Sutton 6, ★**EDWARDS 8** (sub. Hill, A), McNeil 7, Cartwright 7.
 Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

SUNDERLAND (1) 2 (Davis, og 25, Robson 55)
CARDIFF (0) 1 (Bishop 85)
 Att: 25,370
Sunderland: Turner 7, Whitworth 7, Bolton 7, Clarke 8, Elliott, S 7, Buckley 8, Arnott 7, ★**CUMMINS 9**, Brown 6, Robson 7, Marangoni 6.
Cardiff: Davis 6, Dwyer 7, Sullivan 7, Campbell 7, ★**PONTIN 8**, Thomas 7, Elliott, M 7, Bishop 7, Moore 6, Ronson 6, Lewis 5 (sub. Stevens 6).
 Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
 Match Rating: ★★

SWANSEA (0) 1 (Callaghan 35)
CHARLTON (0) 0
 Att: 11,861
Swansea: Letheren 7, Giles 7, Rushbury 8, Charles 7, ★**PHILLIPS 9**, Craig 6 (sub. Stevenson 7), Mahoney 7, Attley 6, James 7, Waddle 6, Callaghan 7.
Charlton: Wood 8, ★**HAZELL 9**, Shaw 6, Tydeman 6, Berry 6, Madden 7, Powell 6 (sub. Ostergaard), Jacobson 8, Hales 7, Walker 6, Gritt 6.
 Referee: D. A. Hedges (Oxford)
 Match Rating: ★★

WEST HAM (1) 2 (Cross 31, 52)
BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 1 (Barrowclough 1)
 Att: 17,763
West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 7, Lampard 6, Bonds 7, Martin 7, Allen 6, Neighbour 7, Pearson 6, Cross 7, Brooking 7, ★**DEVONSHIRE 8**.
Bristol Rovers: ★**THOMAS 8**, Bater 6, Williams 6, Mabbutt 7, Taylor 7, Aitken 6, Barrowclough 7, Emmanuel 7, Brown 6, Penny 6, Pulis 7.
 Referee: C. White (Harrow)
 Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

BLACKBURN (1) 2 (McKenzie 14, Brotherston 70)
OXFORD (0) 1 (Graydon 65)
 Att: 6,714
Blackburn: Arnold 7, Kendall 7.

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CUT OUT AND KEEP

SO OUR good run at home has finally come to an end. Manchester United came to White Hart Lane, conquered, and left with the two points to strengthen their position at the top of the First Division.

But I must say that United did not really impress me and cannot be rated in the same class as Liverpool who I still feel will take the League Championship at the end of the season.

It was only United's character and personality which swung the game their way. Neither of the teams played really well and our lads were disgusted with the second-half showing.



Steve Perryman — the Spurs' skipper gives me advice before a game.

We stopped playing and, therefore, did not deserve anything from the contest. The absence of Terry Yorath in the first of his three-match suspensions was a big factor.

As I've said many times before Terry is such an important part of our team. But don't read a criticism of Terry's deputy John Pratt into this — it was hard for John to come in and make his mark when all his team-mates were performing below par.

Not even the in-form Glenn Hoddle could rise above the general *malaise*. After the recent England game he was subjected to a lot of pressure and this was bound to affect his game. All the papers were full of Hoddle this and Hoddle that.

Fortunately I know Glenn can cope with these demands. He is a gentleman and there's no

NOT UNITED!

ARDILES

danger of him going off the rails and getting big-headed.

My preparation for the Manchester fixture was no different from any other game — despite the fact that they were the League leaders.

When training finishes on Friday I come home and after a meal my next task is to have a siesta! I'm afraid I like my sleep too much and am very often the last to arrive at our training ground in the mornings.

In the evening I never go out, but spend my time watching television or playing with my two boys. I never go out and my next-door neighbour and team-mate Ricky Villa is the same — he never ventures far the night before a game.

I get an early night's sleep and enjoy a long lay-in the following morning. Depending what time I rise I either have a late breakfast or lunch — but not both.

The meal before a game doesn't vary much. It's usually grilled chicken although sometimes I like steak.

I live a little way out of Tottenham so I have to leave in good time. Keith Burkinshaw likes us to report to the ground by 1.45 p.m.

Recognised

It is only when I get into the car on the way to the ground that I begin to think about the game in hand. Up until that moment it hasn't really bothered me.

The road to the ground is lined with cars full of Tottenham supporters and they don't hesitate to let me know they've recognised who I am.

"Ossie Ardiles," they shout. "Give us a goal or two today." I don't like all this recognition. Sometimes if the car is held up — for traffic lights for instance — they leap out and thrust an autograph book through the window.

In the dressing room I like to have a chat with Steve Perryman who has been in the game such a long time that he knows about all the opposing team and who is likely to mark me. He tells me whether he is a physical player or if he is good on his right side or on his left.

As the minutes tick by the nerves increase, but fortunately I'm not one of those people who are full of butterflies before a game. And when the whistle goes all nerves disappear anyway.

Ossie Ardiles

Home run goes in bad display



Ricky Villa and I pictured at our Hertfordshire homes. We don't like to go far before a game.

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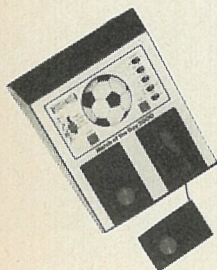
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Euro final set for Madrid

NEXT year's final of the European Champions' Cup will be held at the 101,000-seat Bernabeu Stadium in Madrid to honour Real Madrid on the 25th anniversary of the competition.

Real Madrid won the first of its record-setting six Champions' Cup titles in 1956 in Paris then retained the crown in Madrid the following year. Next year's final will be the third Champions' Cup final to be hosted by Madrid.

The final of the Cup Winners' Cup will be staged at the 70,000-capacity Heysel Stadium in Brussels to coincide with celebrations for the 1,000th anniversary of the founding of the city.

Brussels has hosted the Cup Winners' Cup final only once before, in 1976, when Anderlecht of Belgium beat West Ham of England 4-2. Brussels also hosted the Champions' Cup final in 1958, 1966 and 1974.

Aztecs hit for six

FORWARD Craig Allen scored three goals and Laurie Abrahams scored a goal with two assists, to lead the California Surf to a 6-1 victory - their first triumph ever - over the Los Angeles Aztecs in a North American Soccer League indoor soccer match.

Played in the Anaheim Convention Center, it was the first indoor soccer game in California. Also scoring for the Surf were Steve David and player-coach Peter Wall, formerly with Liverpool and Crystal Palace. Chris Dangerfield scored the lone Aztec goal.

GREEK STRIKE

TWENTY clubs in the Southern group of the Greek League Second Division staged a strike in support of demands for more Government economic assistance to



promote soccer in Greece.

A club spokesman said that the clubs' management had decided that a strike was the best way of making their demands heard, and that it might continue next week.



TWENTY thousand Italian fans turned out to watch Perugia in their home game with Ascoli. However, there wasn't much for them to shout about as the Ascoli defence kept a tight rein on Perugia star Paulo Rossi (above) and came away with a 0-0 draw.

Results

Spain

Valencia 5, Espanol 1; Rayo Vallecano 2, Athletic Bilbao 1; Barcelona 1, Las Palmas 0; Almeria 2, Atletico Madrid 1; Zaragoza 1, Sevilla 0; Betis 2, Malaga 1; Real Madrid 2, Burgos 1; Salamanca 0, Gijon 1; Real Sociedad 1, Hercules 1.

Top standings after 12 matches: Real Sociedad, Real Madrid 19; Gijon 18; Salamanca, Valencia 13; Las Palmas, Zaragoza, Barcelona, Rayo Vallecano 12.

Italy

Avellino 1, Juventus 0; Bologna 1, Lazio 0; Cagliari 1, Inter Milan 1; AC Milan 0, Udinese 0; Perugia 0, Ascoli 0; Pescara 1, Napoli 0; Roma 2, Fiorentina 1; Torino 0, Catanzaro 0.

Top standings after 11 matches: Inter Milan 17; AC Milan 14; Torino, Cagliari 13; Perugia, Avellino, Juventus 12; Lazio, Bologna, Roma 11; Udinese, Ascoli 9; Napoli, Fiorentina, Catanzaro 8; Pescara 6.

France

Strasbourg 2, Nice 3; Monaco 0, Valenciennes 1; Nantes 4, Marseilles 1; Laval 3, Sochaux 3; Lens 5, Lille 3; Brest 5, Lyon 1; Nimes 1, Angers 1; St. Etienne 3, Bordeaux 3; Paris St. Germaine 2, Metz 0; Nancy 3, Bastia 1.

Top standings after 19 matches: Monaco 29; Nantes 27; St. Etienne 26; Sochaux 25; Strasbourg, Lens, Nimes, Valenciennes 21; Lille, Paris St. Germaine 20.

East Germany

Dynamo Dresden 3, FC Magdeburg 1; FC Union Berlin 0, Chemie Leipzig 0; FC Rot-Weiss Erfurt 0, FC Vorwaerts 1; HFC Chemie Halle 1, FC Jena 0; Sachsenring Zwickau 0, Wismut Aue 0; FC Karl-Marx-Stadt 0, Stahl Riesa 0; FC Lok Leipzig 0, BFC Dynamo Berlin 0.

Top standings after 11 matches: Dynamo Dresden 20; BFC Dynamo Berlin, HFC Chemie Halle 16; FC Jena 15; FC Magdeburg 13; Chemie Leipzig 12; FC Lok Leipzig, FC Vorwaerts 11.

Yugoslavia

Sloboda 3, Zeljeznicar 1; Napredak 0, Vardar 0; Sarajevo 4, Dynamo 2; Partisan 3, Hajduk 0; Rijeka 0, Radnicki 0; Osijek 1, Red Star 1; Celik 3, Buducnost 0; Borac 1, Vojvodina 1; Velez 0, Olympia 0.

Top standings after 17 matches: Sarajevo 23; Radnicki, Red Star 22; Hajduk 21; Velez, Napredak 20. Championship resumes on February 24;

Holland

AZ67 2, Twente Enschede 0; Nac 0, MVV 0; Feyenoord 5, Willem 1; Utrecht 0, Rhoda 2; Haarlem 1, Pec 1; Vitesse 0, Nec 0; Go-Ahead 2, PSV Eindhoven 1; Ajax 3, Den Haag 0; Excelsior 3, Sparta 1.

Top standings after 15 matches: Ajax 24; Feyenoord (played 14) 22; AZ67 22; PSV 18; Twente, Go-Ahead, Excelsior 17.

Belgium

Club Brugge 1, Waregem 0; Charleroi 0, Waterschei 1; Molenbeek 2, Anderlecht 1; Winterslag 2, Berchem 2; Beerschot 1, Cercle Brugge 1; Lokeren 3, Lierse 1; Standard 0, Hasselt 0; Antwerp 3, Liege 1; Beringen 1, Beveren 1.

Rumania

Bacau 2, Steaua 2; Baia Mare 1, Arges 1; Olympia 1, Viitorul 1; Sportul 1, Jiul 2; Craiova 5, Tirgoviste 0; Gloria 3, Cluj 1; Chimia 3, Dynamo 1; Lasi 1, ASA 0; Timisoara 3, Galati 0.

Top standings after 18 matches: Steaua 26; Craiova 25; Baia Mare 22.

Poland

GKS 1, LKS 0; Arka 2, Slask 1; Szombierki 5, Legia 0; Zaglebie 3, Wisla 1; Odra 1, Gornik 0; Stal 0, Ruch 0; Lech 2, Polonia 1; Widzew 3, Zawisza 1.

Top standings after 15 matches: Szombierki 21; Slask 20; Wisla, Arka, Gornik, Legia 17; Odra, LKS 16.

Austria

Sportklub 4, Lask 1; Salzburg 0, Admira 1; Voest-Linz 3, Grazer AK 1; Sturm-Graz 0, Rapid 1; Austria 3, Vienna 1.

Top standings after 16 matches: Austria 21; Grazer, Lask 20; Voest-Linz, Salzburg 17.

Hungary

Pecs 2, Dunaujvaros 2; Tatabanya 1, Zalaegerszeg 1; Raba Eto 1, Vasas 1; Debrecen 2, Békescsaba 2; Salgotarjan 1, Pecs MSC 1; Budapest Honved 3, MTK VM 2, Ferencvaros 3, Diosgyor 1; Videoton 2, Volan 1; Ujpest Dozsa 6, Szekesfehervar 1.

Top standings after 14 matches: Honved 20; Ferencvaros, Videoton 19; Vasas 17; Debrecen, Zalaegerszeg, Raba Eto 16.

Switzerland

Lucerne 1, Grasshoppers 1; Zurich 4, Young Boys 1; Servette 4, La Chaux-de-Fonds 0; Sion 1, Basel 2; St. Gall 1, Lausanne 0; Neuchatel Xamax 3, Chenois 1.

Top standings after 14 matches: Grasshoppers, Zurich 21; Servette, Basel 19; Lucerne 16; Sion 15; St. Gall, Chasso 13. Season resumes in March.

match makers

WILLIE CARR (Wolves)

FULL NAME: William McInnany Carr.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Glasgow, January 6, 1950.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 6½in, 10½st.
MARRIED: Yes, to Tess.
CHILDREN: Anthony (8), Stuart (7), Robert (4).
CAR: Cortina Estate.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Coventry, from school at St. Bedes, Cambridge.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: None.
CLUB NICKNAME: Willie.
WORST EVER INJURY: 1973 – two cartilages out of right knee when at Coventry.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Alan Ball, ideal midfield player, makes them and scores them. Has great skill and vision.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Cambridge United.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Kempes – incredible goalscorer.
BEST ALL TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks, Todd, Moore, Charlton J., Wilson, Ball, Brady, Bremner, Law, Keegan, Charlton R.
ALL TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Banks, Todd, Moore, Beckenbauer, McNeill, Puskas, Ardiles, Brady, Di Stefano, Law, Keegan.
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Old Trafford.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Feyenoord, Rotterdam.
BEST GOAL SCORED: For Coventry (v West Ham) broke from half way, went round Bobby Moore and hit it from edge of box.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Both of Glenn Hoddle's spectacular volleys. They were hit at such a height and with such power.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: All Liverpool midfield.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: For Scotland (v England) at Hampden Park in front of 27,000 in 1970. We drew 0-0.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Playing against Pele in Bangkok for Coventry. We drew 2-2.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Lost semi-final last season v Arsenal. Would have loved to have played at Wembley.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Driving.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Washing car and weeding the garden.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: All sport and documentary programmes.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Crossroads and Stars on Sunday.
FAVOURITE READING: Sports magazines.
FAVOURITE MUSICIAN/SINGER: Michael Jackson, Tamla Motown.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Chinese/Italian.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Beer.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: West Indies.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Redford, Newman, Faye Dunaway.
BEST FILM SEEN THIS YEAR: Nothing this year. Thought 'The Sting' was a good film.
BEST FRIEND: Kenny Hibbitt.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Pat Saward – formerly youth team manager at Coventry.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Hooliganism.
SUPERSTITIONS: None.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Chicken and toast.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Six full caps.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To play at Wembley in a Cup Final.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play at Wembley in a Cup Final.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: As yet no idea.
A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Anthony Kiernan – apprentice midfield at Wolves.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Whoever presents F.A. Cup medals.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Never be too big not to listen, work hard, never be too old to learn.



GOOD young strikers are gold-dust. Yet Newport County boss Len Ashurst has plucked one off the factory floor where striking usually spreads more fear into the bosses than the opposition!

And Len can thank his brother for the latest hot-shot to emerge in the Fourth Division — 21-year-old John Aldridge who helped himself to five goals in his first three full games for the Welsh side.

Two years ago Aldridge was playing for the curiously rustic named Garston Woodcutters in the Liverpool Sunday League and working as a toolmaker at the British Leyland factory in Speke.

Now he's one of the new names to hit the charts in the Fourth Division and a major reason why Newport believe they can sustain their promotion challenge despite losing leading goal-scorer Howard Goddard with a broken leg.

Aldridge had already forced his way into Newport's regular line-up when Goddard was injured at Portsmouth but that allowed another Liverpoolian Tommy Tynan back into the side.

And it means that Aldridge, still in his debut year as a League player, has the chance to establish himself as a regular first-teamer.

He was spotted by Ashurst playing for Northern Premier League side South Liverpool

last season and his brother — who worked with Aldridge at Leyland — talked him into signing for County despite a counter offer from local Fourth Division club Tranmere Rovers.

For Aldridge the wheel had turned full circle as he had hoped for a career in professional football when a schoolboy.

"I had a three months' trial for Liverpool when I was thirteen but at the end of it Tom Saunders, the youth coach, told me he'd be in touch again but I never heard any more," said Aldridge.

"Eventually I left school, got a job as a toolmaker at Leyland and followed Liverpool. I was on the Kop every week and I don't think I missed an away game for years except when I couldn't get a ticket to see them beat Newcastle in the Cup Final.

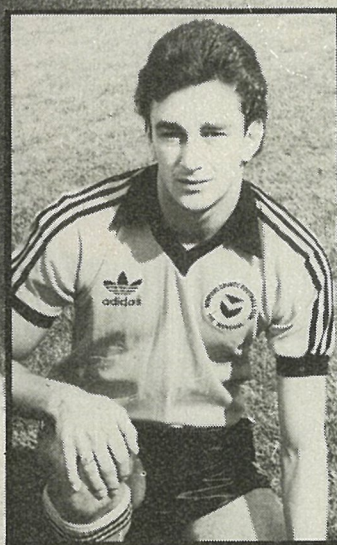
"I was going to go to Rome to see them in the European Cup final but I was saving up for a holiday so couldn't afford it. But other than that I saw practically every game they played."

At the time Aldridge's football was confined to Sunday games on a local park but he eventually joined Cheshire Lions in the Liverpool County Combination and, doubling up with Garston Woodcutters, began to make a goal-scoring name for himself.

Aldridge continued the story: "The local paper often said that

this or that team was watching me and I wanted to join Altrincham but I was told that I wasn't quite good enough and needed more experience. So I signed for South Liverpool but only played half a season for them before joining Newport.

"I suppose the fact that Len Ashurst was from Liverpool helped although that wasn't the only reason I picked Newport rather than Tranmere because I thought that Newport were a more ambitious club."



Newport's John Aldridge (above and left) gets in a fierce header during the 4-2 defeat at Aldershot earlier this season.

A profile on John Aldridge of Newport County

Woodcutters' ball

Ask us

ANDREW BASS of Felixstowe, Suffolk, asks:

Who is the player nearest to equalling Pele's goal tally? My dad says it is Jimmy Greaves, is he right?

●Pele scored 1,281 goals in his career. Your dad was nearly right with Jimmy Greaves who finished his first-class career with 449 goals in competitive matches, but the nearest Football League player to Pele's total was Arthur Rowley with 500. We presume you are talking about English League players, but there is one man who did better Pele's record and that was Arthur Friedenreich (Brazil) who netted 1,329 goals in his career between 1910-30.

DANIEL SMITH of Leeds asks:

Can you tell me who Leeds United played, the score of each match and the scorers of the goals in their run-up to the final of the 1972 F.A. Cup?

●Leeds United's ties in their cup-winning year were: against Bristol City, won 4-1, Giles (2), Lorimer (2); against Liverpool, (away) 0-0, (home) 2-0, Clarke (2); against Cardiff City, (away) 2-0, Giles (2); against Spurs (home) 2-1, Clarke and Charlton; against Birmingham (Hillsborough) 3-0, Jones (2) and Lorimer; against Arsenal (Wembley) 1-0, Clarke.

NARESH KARIA of Leicester asks:

Can you tell me something about Brian Clough's playing career?

●Brian Clough had a marvellous goalscoring record with 252 goals in 271 matches with Middlesbrough and Sunderland in a career spanning seasons 1955-56 to 1962-63 inclusive. He was leading

scorer in Division Two for three seasons running with Middlesbrough scoring 40 in 1957-58, 42 in 1958-59 and 39 in 1959-60.

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DAVID MacNEILL of Lanarkshire asks:

Did John O'Hare of Nottingham Forest ever play for Scotland? If so how many games did he play and how many goals did he score?

●O'Hare played 13 times for Scotland and scored 5 goals between 1970 and 1972 inclusive.

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EDWARD FARMER, of Co. Cavan, Eire, asks:

What was the exact fee Q.P.R. paid Pembrokehire Borough for winger Carl Elsey in December 1978?

●The arrangement was that £3,000 would be paid if and when Elsey made ten first-team appearances.

D. M. WHEELWRIGHT of West Yorkshire asks:

Can you tell me the teams that hold the record for the longest sequence of games without both; (a) conceding a goal and; (b) scoring a goal?

●Between February 19 and April 10, 1926 inclusive Millwall played 11 Third Division(S) matches without conceding a goal and between October 1 and December 8 inclusive in 1974 Third Division York City did exactly the same. While in Division Two Coventry went 11 games between October 11 and December 20 inclusive in 1919 without scoring a goal.

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Match Facts..... Match Facts..... Match Facts.....

Branagan 7, Metcalfe 7, Keeley 6,
★**FAZACKERLEY** 8, Brotherston 7,
Crawford 6, Craig 6, McKenzie 7,
Parkes 6.
Oxford: ★**BROWN** 8, Doyle 6, Fogg
6, Briggs 7, McIntosh 6, Jeffrey 6,
Graydon 6, Duncan 6, Cooke 7, Brock
7, Hodgson 7.
Referee: M. Scott (Nottingham)
Match Rating: ★★★

BLACKPOOL (3) 5 (Kellow 11, 89,
Harrison 17, 48, Spence 33)
READING (0) 2 (Bowman 68,
Kearney 90)
Att: 3,834
Blackpool: Hesford 8, Gardner 7,
Pashley 8, McEwan 8, Ashurst 8,
★**HARRISON** 9, Hockaday 7, Doyle
8, Spence 7, Kellow 7, Weston 7.
Reading: Death 6, Hetzke 6, White 6,
★**BOWMAN** 9, Shipperley 7,
Moreline 6, Kearns 6, Kearney 6,
Heale 6, Sanchez 6, Joslyn 6 (sub.
Cheetham 5).
Referee: R. Bridges (Deeside)
Match Rating: ★★★

BRENTFORD (3) 7 (Phillips 17, 26,
Booker 35, 53, 59, Fear 56, Kruse 87)
HULL (1) 2 (Farley 42, Bannister 88)
Att: 6,790
Brentford: Porter 8, Shrubb 7, Tucker
7, McNichol 7, Kruse 7, Fraser 7,
Carlton 8, ★**FEAR** 9, Booker 8,
Glover 8, Phillips 8.
Hull: Blackburn 7, Nisbet 6, Hood 6,
Haigh 7, Croft 7, Hawker 7, Roberts 6,
★**MOSS** 8, Edwards 7, Bannister 7,
Farley 7.
Referee: L. Shapter (Newton Abbott)
Match Rating: ★★★

CHESTERFIELD (0) 3 (Birch 48,
Kowalski 81, Moss 87)
MILLWALL (0) 2 (Mitchell 50, 72)
Att: 4,784
Chesterfield: Kendall 6, Tarrt 5,
O'Neill 6, Ridley 6, Green 6, Kowalski
7, Birch 6, Moss 7, Walker 6,
★**SALMONS** 8, Crawford 6.
Millwall: Jackson 7, Donaldson 6,
Kinsella 6, Chatterton 7, Tagg 5, Blyth
5, Towner 7, Seaman 6,
★**MITCHELL** 8, Lyons 6, Mehmet 6.
Referee: D. Richardson (Gt. Harwood)
Match Rating: ★★★

GRIMSBY (2) 2 (Ford 8, Waters, pen
31)
MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Austin 36)
Att: 7,663
Grimsby: Batch 6, Stone 6, Moore, K
6, ★**WATERS** 9, Wigginton 7,
Crombie 6, Ford 7, Kilmore 6, Drinkell
6, Mitchell 6, Brolley 7.
Mansfield: ★**ARNOLD** 8, Thompson
5, Wood 6, Curtis 6, Bird 6,
McClelland 5, Lathan 6, Taylor 7,
Austin 7, Mann 6, Thomson 7.
Referee: N. Midgley (Salford)
Match Rating: ★★★

PLYMOUTH (0) 2 (Sims 59, Hodges
77)
BARNSELY (1) 1 (Graham 16)
Att: 5,311
Plymouth: Crudgington 6, James 7,
Harrison 6, Randell 7, Foster 7,
Phillipson-Masters 5, Hodges 7,
Cooper 7, Sims 7, ★**BASON** 8,
Graves 6.
Barnsley: Springett 6, Flavell 7,
Collins 6, ★**GLAVIN** 8, Riley 5,
McCarthy 5, Banks 6, Graham 7,
Aylott 6, Lester 6, Pugh 5.
Referee: D. W. Lloyd (Fernhill Heath)
Match Rating: ★★★

ROTHERHAM (2) 2 (Dawson 39,
Stancliffe 42)
GILLINGHAM (0) 1 (Price 67)
Att: 4,648
Rotherham: Mountford 7, Forrest 7,
Breckin 7, Rhodes 6, Stancliffe 7,
Green 8, Finney 7, McEwan 7,
Dawson 7, ★**FERN** 9, Nix 6.
Gillingham: Hillyard 7, ★**WHITE** 8,
Barker 7 (sub. Richardson), Overton 6,
Weatherly 6, Crabbe 7, Hughes 6,
Bruce 7, Price 7, Westwood 7,
Funnell 6.
Referee: D. A. Webb (Cheshire)
Match Rating: ★★★



Oh, Peter! Larry Lloyd reacts in dismay as Peter Shilton lets a shot from Ian Walsh slip through his hands for Palace's match-winner against Forest.



Heads you lose . . . Coventry's goalkeeper Les Sealey and Mick Ferguson win this aerial battle with David O'Leary, but Arsenal went on to win 3-1.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 0
EXETER (1) 1 (Rodgers 5)
Att: 11,530
Sheff Wed: Bolder 7, ★**BLACKHALL**
8, Grant 7, Smith 7, Pickering 7,
Hornsby 5, Wyde 6, Porterfield 6
(sub. Johnson 7), Mellor 6, King 6,
Curran 7.
Exeter: ★**MAIN** 8, Mitchell 7, Hatch
7, Hoare 7, Roberts, P 7, Roberts, L 7,
Neville 7, Pearson 6, Rodgers 7, Delve
6, Pullar 6.
Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach)
Match Rating: ★★★

SWINDON (4) 8 (McHale 10, pen 68,
Kamara 22, Mayes 36, 85, Rowland
42, 55, Tucker 49)
BURY (0) 0
Att: 7,685
Swindon: Allan 7, Lewis 7, Ford 7,
McHale 8, Tucker 8, Stroud 8,
★**MILLER** 9, Kamara 8 (sub. Carter
6), Rowland 7, Mayes 8, Williams 6.
Bury: ★**FORREST** 7, Ritson 6,
Halford 5, Waldron 5 (sub. Lugg 6),
Whitehead 6, Wilson 6, Howard 5,
Madden 6, Johnson 6, Hilton 5,
Mullen 5.
Referee: M. J. Warner (Wednesbury)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

WIMBLEDON (1) 1 (Cork 26)
SHEFFIELD UNITED (1) 1 (Butlin 3)
Att: 4,740
Wimbledon: Goddard 6, Briley 6,
Jones 4, Galliers 5, Bowgett 6, Dons
6, Dziadulewicz 4, Parsons 5, Leslie
6, ★**CORK** 7, Lewington 6.
Sheff Utd: Ramsbottom 7,
★**CUTBUSH** 9, Garner 4, Kenworthy
6, McPhail 6, Matthews 6, De Goey 6,
Flood 6, Butlin 6, Speight 7, Sabella
8.
Referee: C. Maskell (Cambridge)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Four

ALDERSHOT (1) 2 (James, og 41,
McGregor 56)
YORK (1) 2 (Randall 6, Wellings 59)
Att: 3,610
Aldershot: Johnson 5, Scott 5,
Bennett 4, Jopling 5, Wooler 6,
Crosby 4, Dixon 5, Brodie 7, French 5,
Needham 4, ★**McGREGOR** 9.
York: Neenan 6, Kay 6, James 6,
Clements 6, Harrison 7,
★**LORIMER** 9, Ford 6, McDonald 6,
Randall 6, Eccles 7 (sub. Byrne 6),
Wellings 8.
Referee: D. Hutchinson (Bourn,
Cams)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

DARLINGTON (1) 3 (Nattress 43,
Stalker 84, Walsh 88)
TRANMERE (0) 1 (Beamish 89)
Att: 1,406
Darlington: Owers 6, Nattress 7,
Cochrane 7, Ball 7, Craig 7, Smith 7,
★**McLEAN** 8, Charlton 6, Stalker 7,
Taylor 6, Ellis 6 (sub. Walsh 7).
Tranmere: Johnson 7, Mathias 6,
Flood 7, ★**BRAMHALL** 8, Edwards 6,
Evans 7, O'Neil 7, Mungall 7, Lumby
6, Beamish 6, Peplow 7.
Referee: A. Dobson (Blackburn)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

HALIFAX (0) 1 (Hendry 61)
LINCOLN (0) 0
Att: 1,991
Halifax: Kilner 6, Dunleavy 6, Hutt 7,
Evans 7, Harris 6, ★**HENDRY** 8,
Firth 6, Kennedy 7, Allatt 7, Burke 6,
Stafford 6 (sub. Smith 7).
Lincoln: Grotier 7, Thompson 7,
Neale 6, Watson 7, Saunders 6,
Peake 7, ★**HOBSON** 8, Carr 7,
Harford 6, Bell 6, Ball 6 (sub.
Cunningham 6).
Referee: N. J. Ashley (Nantwich)
Match Rating: ★★★

HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
NEWPORT COUNTY (0) 0
Att: 2,587
Hartlepool: Burleigh 6, ★**SWEENEY**
8, Carr 6, Lawrence 7, Brookes 7,
Ayne 6, Houchen 6, Loadwick 5,
Newton 7, Strass 6 (sub. Larkin),
Hampton 7.
Newport: Dowler 7, Walden 7, Relish

5, Burton 7, ★**OAKES 8**, Bailey 7, Vaughan 6, Lowndes 7, Aldridge 6, Gwyther 6 (sub. Tynan), Warriner 5.
Referee: G. Flint (Kirkby-in-Ashfield)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

HEREFORD (0) 0
BRADFORD CITY (1) 2 (Staniforth 3, Wood 57)
 Att: 3,337
Hereford: Hughes 7, Price 6, Burrows 6, Marshall 7, ★**LAYTON 8**, Feeley 6, Cunningham 6, Spiring 7, McGrellis 5, Phillips 5, White 6 (sub. Jones 6).
Bradford: Smith 8, Podd 7, Watson 7, Wood 7, ★**BAINES 9**, Cooper 7, Martinez 7, Dolan 7, Staniforth 7, McNiven 7, Hutchins 7.
Referee: A. R. Glasson (Salisbury)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

NORTHAMPTON (0) 0
SCUNTHORPE (0) 0
 Att: 2,120
Northampton: Poole 6, Walker 7, Sandercock 6, Byatt 7, Waldoock 6, Farrington 7, Denyer 7, Saunders 6, McCaffrey 6, ★**O'DONOGHUE 8**, Farmer 6.
Scunthorpe: Gordon 7, Davy 6, Peacock 7, Deere 7, Dall 6, Oates 7, ★**COWLING 8**, Cammack 7, Pilling 5, Partridge 5, Stewart 6.
Referee: V. Callow (Solihull)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

PETERBOROUGH (0) 0
PORTSMOUTH (0) 0
 Att: 5,371
Peterborough: Waugh 6, Carmichael 6, Phillips 5, Sharkey 5, Slough 7, Foster 6, Quow 6, ★**KELLOCK 8**, Cliss 6, Syrett 7, Gynn 5 (sub. Robson 6).
Portsmouth: ★**KNIGHT 9**, Ellis 6, Viney 7, Brisley 6, Aizlewood 7, Davey 6, Garwood 6, Laidlaw 8, Hemmerman 6, Bryant 6, Rogers 7.
Referee: B. Martin (Keyworth)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

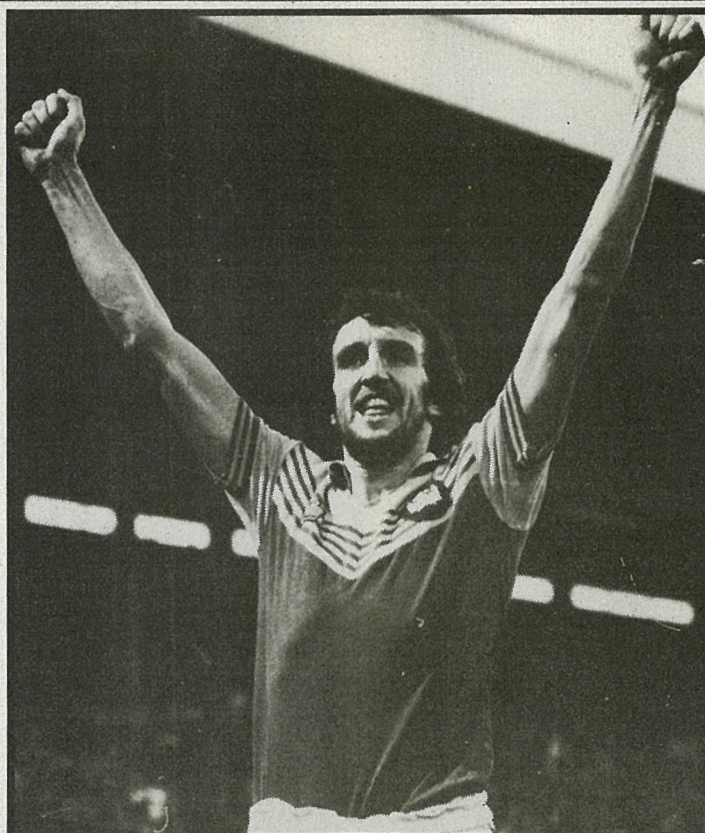
TORQUAY (1) 3 (Sermanni 6, Cooper 60, 81)
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 (Holmes 90)
 Att: 4,044
Torquay: Turner 7, Pethard 7, Ritchie 7, Wilson 7, Bourne 7, ★**SERMANNI 8**, Levy 6, Lawrence 7, Cooper 7, Twitchin 6, Murphy 7.
Huddersfield: Starling 5, Brown 6, Robinson 6, Stanton 6, Sutton 5, Topping 5 (sub. Holmes), Laverick 6, Hart 6, Fletcher 6, ★**ROBINS 7**, Purdie 5.
Referee: A. Gunn (Burgess Hill)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

WALSALL (0) 1 (Penn 71)
WIGAN (1) 1 (Quinn 14)
 Att: 5,261
Walsall: Green 7, ★**MACKEN 9**, Casswell 7, Sbragia 6, Serella 7, Paul 7, Penn 7, Waddington 7, McDonough 6, Buckley 6, Williams 6.
Wigan: Brown 7, ★**FRETWELL 9**, Hinnigan 7, Gore 7, Methven 7, Davids 7, Corrigan 7, Wright 7, Houghton 6 (sub. Moore), Quinn 7, Urquhart 7.
Referee: P. Reeves (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

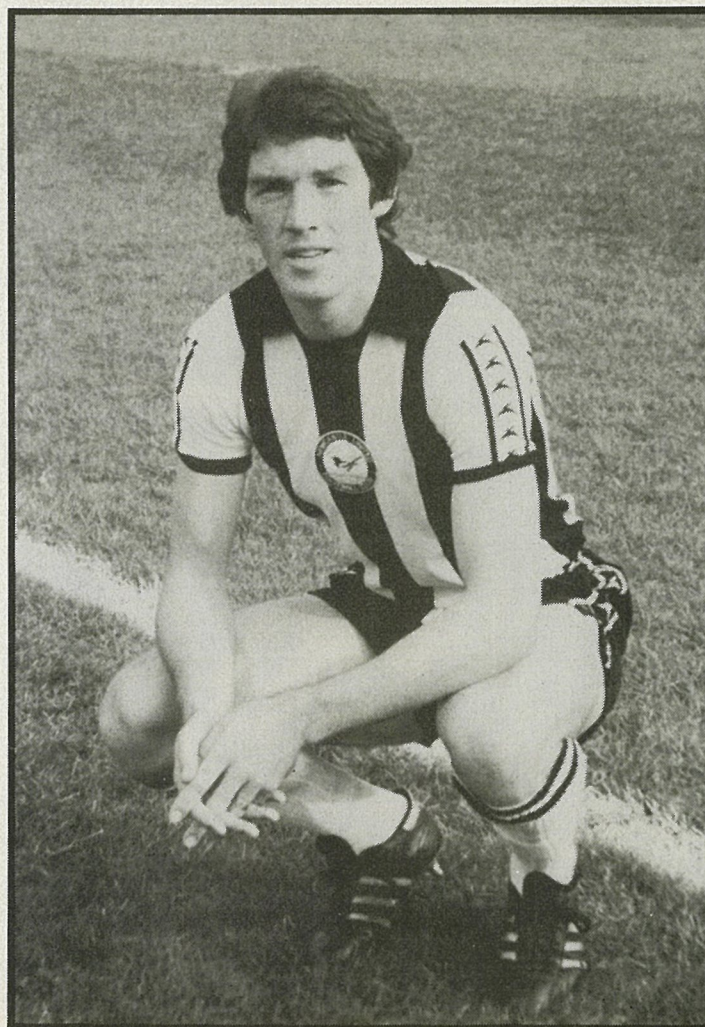
SCOTTISH

League Cup Final

ABERDEEN (0) 0
DUNDEE UNITED (0) 0
After Extra Time - Played at Hampden Park, Glasgow
 Att: 27,173
Aberdeen: Clark 7, Kennedy 7, Rougvie 7, McLeish 7, Garner 7, Miller 7, Strachan 7, Archibald 7, McGeachie 6 (sub. Jarvie), McMaster 7 (sub. Hamilton), ★**SCANLON 8**.
Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Stark 7, Kopel 7, Phillip 6 (sub. Fleming), Hegarty 7, Narey 7, Bannon 6, Sturrock 7, Pettigrew 7, Holt 7, ★**PAYNE 8** (sub. Murray).
Referee: B. R. McGinane (Balforon)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆



David Cross - - - two goals earned West Ham both points against Bristol Rovers.



Bill Rafferty . . . scored the goal that took Newcastle to the top of Division Two in the 1-1 draw with Luton.

Premier Division

DUNDEE v CELTIC — Match Postponed

MORTON (0) 0
RANGERS (0) 1 (Johnstone 65)
 Att: 15,000
Morton: Baines 7, Hayes 6, Holmes 7, Miller 6, ★**McLAUGHLIN 8**, Orr 7, McLaren 6 (sub. Tolmie 6), Hutchison 7, Thomson 5, Scott 7, Ritchie 6 (sub. Anderson).
Rangers: McCloy 7, Jardine 7, Dawson 6, Forsyth 6, Jackson 6, Stevens 7, McLean 6, ★**RUSSELL 8**, Johnstone 7, MacDonald 6, McDonald 5 (sub. Cooper 6).
Referee: W. Anderson (East Kilbride)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆
Sending Off: Thomson (Morton)

PARTICK v ST MIRREN — Match Postponed

Division One

AIRDRIE (0) 1 (Lapsley, pen 56)
CLYDE (1) 2 (Hood 25, 85)
 Att: 2,500

BERWICK (0) 1 (Smith, G 61)
HAMILTON (0) 1 (Graham 58)
 Att: 1,070

CLYDEBANK v DUNFERMLINE — Match Postponed

HEARTS (0) 1 (O'Sullivan 90)
DUMBARTON (0) 0
 Att: 5,600

MOTHERWELL (1) 3 (McLelland 13, Irvine 49, Clingie 59)
ST JOHNSTONE (0) 0
 Att: 2,064

RAITH ROVERS (1) 1 (Harrow 34)
ARBROATH (0) 1 (Mylles 81)
 Att: 1,500
STIRLING ALBION (1) 1 (Kennedy, A 35)
AYR (0) 1 (Lindsay 78)
 Att: 1,050

Division Two

ALBION ROVERS v BRECHIN — Match Postponed

COWDENBEATH (2) 2 (Marky 35, Steele 39)
ALLOA (0) 1 (Hope 85)
 Att: 600

FORFAR (0) 2 (McPhee 48, Clark 84)
FALKIRK (0) 1 (Oliver 66)
 Att: 1,115

MONTROSE (3) 6 (Oliver 6, 56, Murray, pen 24, 68, Robb 25, 84)
STRANRAER (2) 3 (Gibb 38, Harvey 44, Ingles 77)
 Att: 500

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (1) 2 (Alexander 23, Shields 65)
EAST FIFE (2) 4 (Lumsden 8, 37, Wedderburn 48, Mackie, pen 86)
 Att: 700

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 1 (Jenkins 67)
EAST STIRLING (0) 0
 Att: 400

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BALL WINNERS

The five lucky winners of super Candus leather footballs in our Crossword No. 11 (November 22 issue) were: MARK ANNIS, 29 Tollerford Road, Poole, Dorset. STEVEN ANDREWS, 12 Alexander Road, Smethwick, Warley, West Midlands. IAN HART, 47 Fulmar Drive, Sale, Cheshire, M33 4WH. MARK HUTCHINSON, 21 Windmill Avenue, Mexborough, South Yorkshire. GARY SLEAT, 37 Mount Street, Hednesford, Staffs., WS12 4DE.

Answers for Crossword No. 11 – (November 22):

Across: 1 Bob Hatton; 6 (Clive) Allen; 8 Leicester; 10 Leyton; 11 (Mike) Nutton; 12 (Gary) Shelton; 14 (Dave) Bennett; 15 (John) Dowie; 17 Coventry; 21 Elton (John); 22 Newcastle.

Down: 1 Bolton; 2 Brighton; 3 Total; 4 (David) Narey; 5 Andy; 9 European; 12 Star; 13 End; 14 (Martin) Buchan; 16 Allan Evans.

PRIVATE EYES ANSWER (from page 26):

The eyes belong to (a) Pat Jennings, (b) Peter Shilton.

QUIZ ANSWERS (from page 26):

1. Burnley; 2. B. Miller of Clydebank; 3. Norman Hunter; 4. Real Madrid; 5. Chris Nicholl; 6. Alan Curtis; 7. Werder Bremen; 8. Dave Brdic; 9. Fareham Town; 10. Jasper Carrott; 11. (a) Allan Clarke, (b) Tony Waddington, (c) Alex Ferguson; 12. Fredrikson; 13. London; 14. Bert Trautman; 15. Uruguay; 16. Terry Neil; 17. K. Peacock, of Charlton; 18. George Eastham; 19. Terry McDermott; 20. West Bromwich Albion, Middlesbrough, Celtic, and Chelsea.

Chase the Cup solution (from page 26):

1. Kevin Keegan; 2. Dundee United; 3. Norwich (City); 4. New York; 5. Villa Park; 6. Celtic; 7. Paisley; 8. Manager; 9. Clemence (Ray); 10. Blues; 11. Potters.

Puzzle Answer (from page 15):

1. Cobblers; 2. Bristol Rovers; 3. Clydebank; 4. Sunderland; 5. Citizens; 6. Wigan Athletic; 7. Dundalk; 8. Southampton; 9. Real Madrid; 10. Bloomfield; 11. Craven Cottage; 12. Kilmarnock; 13. Pittodrie.

SEVERAL managers in recent years have struck trouble in their first season in the job, but none quite as bad as Walter Joyce in 1973–74, his first venture as Rochdale's chief. Of their 46 Third Division matches they won . . . just TWO!

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CURRENT Watford assistant-manager Bertie Mee, who was Arsenal's boss in their Cup-League double season of 1970–71, played at outside-left before the war with Blackpool, Derby County and Mansfield Town in that order. His elder brother George had preceded him in the same position with the three clubs in the same order!

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OLDHAM Athletic are the only one of the 92 clubs to have twice had as many as six Football League goals scored for them in one post-war match. Eric Gemmell scored seven against Chester on January 19, 1952, and Bert Lister notched six against Scunthorpe United on December 26, 1962.

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NATIVES of all these countries have played for Charlton Athletic: India, Singapore, Mexico, South Africa, Jamaica, New Zealand, Holland, Germany, Italy, and Finland – and they now have a Swede among their directors!

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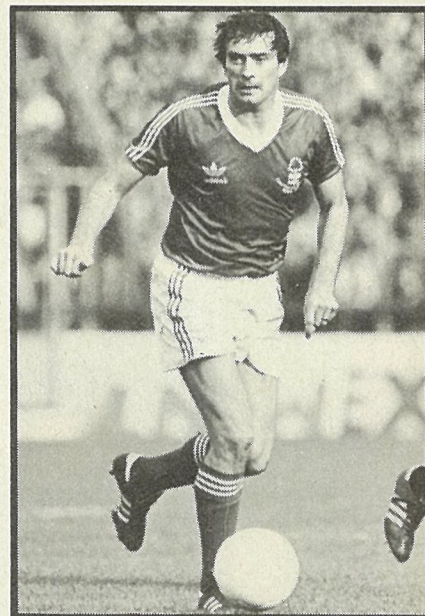
THE FIRST three Football League goals scored by current Tranmere Rovers manager John King were obtained for different clubs in different seasons – Everton (1958–59), Bournemouth (1960–61), and Tranmere (1961–62)!

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ONLY five clubs in this century have won promotion in their first League season. Here's the list: Spurs (from Division Two) in 1909; Cardiff City (Two) and Crystal Palace (Three) in 1921; Peterborough United (Four) in 1961, and Hereford United (Four) in 1973.

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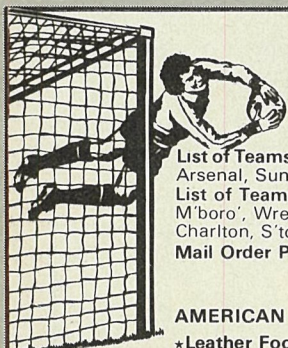


John O'Hare . . . now with Forest, but one of five top-scoring Scots at Sunderland.

SUNDERLAND's five leading scorers in season 1965–66 were Neil Martin, George Mulhall, Jimmy Baxter, John O'Hare, and George Herd. All of them were Scots!

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NEVER were a pair of clubmates more appropriately named than when Lincoln City's team, in season 1958–59, included centre-half Ray Long, who stood 6ft 3in and outside-left Joe Short, who was just 5ft 2in.



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